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FOUR KILLED.

POLICE BATTLE WITH ROBBERS.

GIN DRINKERS' BAY AFFAIR.

A sensational battle between a party of police and a gang of armed robbers took place in the village of Kwai Chung, situated in Drinkers' Bay, last night, as a result of which three of the robbers were killed, one has died from wounds and four have been arrested, whilst one managed to escape. A Chinese constable was slightly wounded, but this was the only police casualty.

Kwai Chung village is situated in Gin Drinkers' Bay not far from the motor road on the Tsin Wan hill. In the village is the Woo Lung Distillery, and news had reached the police of the likelihood of an attack on this place by a gang of armed robbers. Accordingly, a party of police, under the charge of Sub-Inspector Andrews, proceeded to the spot last night and there laid a trap for the robbers.

JUNK APPEARS.

The police occupied the building besides taking up positions at adjacent spots, and at about 10 o'clock a sail junk (No. 4933) was seen to enter the bay. On board the junk were nine robbers. Six of the robbers, two being armed with revolvers and three with daggers, soon came ashore from the junk, and proceeded to make for the distillery. When these men discovered that a trap had been laid for them, they opened fire on the police, and a fierce battle ensued.

One of the robbers, whose name was Wong Kun, and who hailed from the Heungshan district, produced a revolver and fired two rounds point blank at Sub-Inspector Andrews, whereupon the latter returned the fire and killed him on the spot.

OTHER CASUALTIES.

Another robber, named Fung Ngan, a native of Shuntak, who was armed with a dagger, was wounded in the thigh by a shot from Sergeant Goodwin whilst the battle was in progress. Sergt. Goodwin also shot dead another robber, named On Kat, who fired point blank at him. Before the fight was over, another robber was shot dead, whilst one of the gang, named Fung Lai, who was armed with a dagger, was arrested unwounded.

CONSTABLE'S ESCAPE.

Chinese constable No. 17 was slightly wounded by a dagger, and he also had a narrow escape from death when, during the progress of the fight, a bullet passed through his hat.

Being worsted in the fight, the remainder of the gang attempted to make off in the junk, but three of them were arrested on board, whilst the only other man of the gang, who was armed with a dagger, managed to make good his escape. All the arrested men had wire gags and tea-cups in their possession.

LOW SILVER.

CAUSES ALARM IN MEXICO.

New York, Dec. 2. A message from Tampico, says that the low price of silver continues to alarm trade circles. Silver is being exchanged for gold at fifteen per cent. discount.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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MR. LAMPSON'S VISIT TO HANKOW.

MAY MEET CANTONESE LEADERS.

NO RECOGNITION IMPLIED.

Rugby, Dec. 2. Mr. Miles Lampson, the new British Minister to China, is remaining for a few days in Shanghai, where he has had consultations with Sir Ronald Macleay, whom he is succeeding and who is on his way home.

Mr. Lampson will proceed in a few days to Hankow to examine the situation personally. No arrangements have been made for him to meet the Cantonese leaders who are in the Hankow neighbourhood, and no meeting is at present projected.

Mr. Lampson, however, has full powers to follow any procedure which he considers advisable, and should informal conversations take place with Mr. Eugene Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister, or any other Cantonese officials, this would in itself carry no implication of governmental recognition.—*British Wireless.*

RUBBER SLUMP.

PRICE LOWEST FOR TWO YEARS.

Rugby, Dec. 2. The feature of the produce markets to-day was a fall in the price of rubber to 1s. 5.5/8d. This is the lowest since February, 1925. In November, 1925, the price reached 4s. 8d.—*British Wireless.*

AN AMERICAN CREDIT.

New York, Dec. 2. It is learned that a credit of \$40,000,000 has been guaranteed to a group of leading tyre manufacturers.

It was arranged through Wall Street for the purpose of stabilising the price of crude rubber.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Later. The manufacturers involved in the pool purchase of rubber through a central organisation aim at maintaining the price at such a level as to prevent the additional ten per cent. restriction production on February 1st.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FRENCH OPIUM.

HAUL FROM THE S.S. "PO SANG".

When the small Chinese coaster Po Sang returned yesterday morning, from a voyage to Kwang Chow Wan, she had on board a quantity of French opium which was found by revenue officers concealed in a clever way in the engine-room.

The first search was made by C. P. O. Ward just as the Po Sang took up her buoy in the western fairway, but this was not successful and a second visit was made, later in the morning, by S. R. O. Watt and R. O. Ward. Looking carefully into every nook and crevice in the engine room, they at length lifted up a sole-plate and from a hollow space extracted one package of opium, after another until an amount of 150 taels was brought to light. The value of this haul is \$3,000.

The officers then looked for the men responsible for that compartment of the ship, but found that the first engineer, the second engineer and the third engineer had disappeared, presumably by jumping into a sampan waiting alongside while the search was in progress.

At about tiffin-time to-day, a quantity of coal caught fire in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's godown at East Point. Two engines were promptly despatched to the scene, and the fire was successfully put out.

LICENCE REFUSED.

CAFE PARISIEN'S APPLICATION.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Licensing Board, meeting in the Council Chamber, at noon to-day to resume its hearing of an application from the proprietors of the Cafe-Restaurant Parisien for a publican's license without bar, refused the application on the ground that the business as carried on in that establishment was not fulfilling any extensive public want. The Board pointed out, however, that it had no personal grounds of objection against Mr. S. E. Green, in whose name the application was made.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern (Colonial Secretary) Chairman of the Licensing Board, presided, the other members of the Board who were present being Mr. G. C. Alabaster (Vice-Chairman), Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. A. S. D. Coulson, Mr. W. L. Patterson, and the Secretary (Major C. Willson).

Mr. D. L. Strellett represented the applicant, while Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe represented the Police authorities.

The minutes of the last meeting held on Nov. 5th were approved.

TO END OF YEAR.

The Chairman said that the position was that the application was granted somewhere in the middle of this year to Mr. Durand, who was told very definitely on that occasion that it was to be only to the end of the year when the whole matter would be reconsidered. If he (the Chairman) remembered correctly, he thought he told Mr. Durand that the continuance of the licence was dependent entirely on the volume of business done up to the end of this year.

Mr. Strellett, in making the application, on behalf of Mr. Samuel Green, put it under two headings (1) as regards the personal qualifications of Mr. Green and (2) as regards the desirability of the particular licence he applied for being granted in respect of premises which, Mr. Strellett was asked to say, would be worked and managed by Mr. Green under a contract giving him sole charge and responsibility if the licence were given him.

DEMAND FOR DRINKS.

Mr. Strellett proceeded to speak on the business of the Cafe, and submitted figures for the last six months to show that, in addition to meals and teas, there was a brisk demand for drinks, which were not only served during meals but between meals to tourists and casual callers.

The premises, said Mr. Strellett, were opened with a proper manager engaged by the proprietors, who were Mr. Durand and Madame Flint. Unfortunately, at the last moment, previous to its opening, the manager was unable to come from Shanghai and he sent somebody else to take his place. There was no time to make other arrangements, with the result that when the substitute arrived he had of necessity to be taken on. The proprietors found him unobtainable, and certain incidents which became public arose which had been carefully explained to the meeting. In short, the proprietor found the substitute unable efficiently to carry out the duties assigned to him. There had been nothing mentioned at the Police Court proceedings which anybody could take the slightest exception in the case of the proprietor.

A recent application for a renewal of the licence was withdrawn by Mr. Durand, who was now in Shanghai but was expected to return within a few days. He would, however, later go away again, on this occasion for some considerable time, but he had left Mr. Green to make the application and assume the whole responsibility under the licence.

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THE NEW CHINESE SURTAXES.

HANKOW BRITISHERS APPROVE.

IF CUSTOMS CO-OPERATE.

Rugby, Dec. 2. The British commercial community in Hankow is reported to favour payment, through the existing Customs Administration, of the surtaxes proposed by the Chinese authorities.

These surtax are the same as those introduced recently at Canton, namely 2½ per cent. on all goods and 5 per cent. on luxuries. These increases are equivalent to the so-called Washington surtaxes, to which the Powers possessing extra-territorial rights in China agreed in principle at the Conference held at Washington in 1922. The Powers then stipulated that the impositions of the surtaxes should be conditional on the approval by the Special Tariff Conference of the Chinese plans for utilising this additional revenue.

The Tariff Conference did not meet until last year, when, after protracted discussions, it failed to

NAVAL STRENGTH IN CHINA.

Admiral Satisfied It is Enough.

London, Dec. 2. Mr. W. G. Bridgeman, in a speech at Bromley, was glad to say that Britain had a most able Commander in Chinese waters in Admiral Sir Alexander Sinclair.

"I am glad that his opinion is that he has sufficient strength to do what is required in protecting life. Only to-night we had a telegram from him to that effect and we said 'if you have not enough we will do our best to send further reinforcements'."—*Reuter.*

approve the Chinese proposals and urged that the larger part of the surtax proceeds should be devoted to the redemption of loans owed by China for the most part to the United States and Japan.—*British Wireless.*

CHINA MERCHANTS' BOATS IDLE.

UNLOADED CARGOES AT CANTON.

BUSINESS MEN'S APPEAL.

As the result of the strike ordered by the Seamen's Union against the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, it is reported that altogether there are thirteen vessels of this Company now lying idle, three of these being in Canton harbour, three at Swatow and seven at Hankow.

In view of the fact that the three steamers in Canton harbour have full cargoes from Shanghai which have not been unloaded, the merchants are indignant at the action taken by the Seamen's Union, which is causing hardships to commercial interests.

Representations have already been made to the Canton Government for the immediate release of the goods from the steamers, but so far the authorities have not been able to induce the Seamen's Union to consent to this suggestion.

Seven men were arrested and some of the loot taken away in a recent robbery at Antau was recovered by police officers in the course of a round-up at Kowloon City district yesterday. The property recovered comprised jewelry and clothing, which were found concealed in an empty house in this district.

MARINE ENQUIRY.

"ANTUNG'S" COLLISION WITH JUNK.

THIRD OFFICER IN ERROR.

A Court of Enquiry sat at the Marine Court this morning to consider the circumstances surrounding a collision which occurred between the s.s. Antung, a China Navigation Company's boat, and a fishing junk, at a spot between Hongkong and Hoihow at about 12.7 a.m. on November 29th. The Harbour Master, Lieut. Commr. G. F. Hole, presided. Other members of the Court were Lieut. Commr. Lovason Cover, R.N., Captain W. Anderson, Captain V. McLiddell, and Captain N. W. Van Cortlandt. Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton represented the officers of the ship.

MASTER'S EVIDENCE.

The master of the s.s. Antung, Capt. G. A. Moss, said that shortly after twelve o'clock on the morning of November 29th, he was awakened and proceeded to the bridge. On the way he met the Second Officer who told him that a collision had occurred with a junk. The engines were stopped, and when he reached the bridge he gave orders for the engines to be put full speed astern. A boat was launched and sent to the wreck which was on the port beam about ten feet off. The cargo lights were lit, and two men swam from the junk, and boarded the ship by climbing up a rope. The boat picked up another eight, after which it went to the starboard beam, where shouting was heard, and rescued four others. The survivors were questioned as to their numbers but the answers were contradictory, so he cruised about until 1.40 a.m. when he proceeded on his way. According to the master, three men, four women, two girls, and six children had been lost, but, however, the association of the Dominions with the Committee since the war had not been numerous but the question of imperial defence had been discussed in the greatest detail by the Imperial Conferences, which, indeed, provided an opportunity for stocktaking the Committee's work. Apart from the personal attendance of Ministers, however, the association of the Dominions with the Committee since the war had been considerable. He mentioned that there are at present fifty sub-committees dealing with the co-ordination of the fighting services and the ancillary work of the civilian departments generally. The whole of this great field was co-ordinated by the Committee of Imperial Defence in the hope that the Dominions and India would avail themselves of the advantages of the recently established Imperial Defence College.

JUNK'S ALTERED COURSE.

Mr. Griffiths, the Second Officer, said he went on the bridge at 12.40 a.m. and saw a white light on the port bow which the Third Officer judged to be that of a fishing junk. The latter told witness that the bearing of the light was changing. After verifying the course, witness came to the conclusion that the light was closing on the ship, and an order was given to starboard. He was of the opinion that the ship would clear the junk, but as she came round in answer to the helm the light did not seem to close as it should have done, and he assumed that the junk master must have altered his course. When he saw that a collision was inevitable he ordered the engines to be stopped, and at 12.7 a.m. the collision occurred.

In reply to a question from the President, witness said the Third Officer gave the order to go hard starboard instead of hard a-port because he assumed the light was crossing on the port bow.

THIRD OFFICER'S STORY.

Mr. A. W. G. Gibson, the Third Officer, said he held a master's certificate. He went on the bridge at 8 p.m. and at 11.50 p.m. he observed a bright light to port. He carefully watched the bearing of the light which gradually changed and appeared close. He checked the course of the ship, and after checking the light again, was satisfied that it was closing in to the bow. He immediately altered the course to starboard. The ship answered the helm, and should have given the junk a good clearance, but the light did not close as quickly as it should.

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IMPERIAL DEFENCE PROBLEMS.

VIEWS OF ALL THE DOMINIONS PUBLISHED.

NEED OF SINGAPORE BASE.

The many aspects of the intricate problem of co-ordinating Imperial Defence are reviewed in the following speeches of the Premier of the Empire delivered at the recent meetings of the Imperial Conference, and telegraphed to-day by Reuter.

The vital importance of the Singapore Base is stressed by Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Mr. Bruce (Australian Premier), the latter saying that Australia considers the Singapore scheme absolutely essential. He explains doubts regarding Australia's capacity to contribute towards the cost.

The political and financial considerations of each Dominion governing its attitude towards the general question of Imperial defence, are outlined by each of the speakers, South Africa's attitude being more than usually interesting.

London, Dec. 2.

The speeches of Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Mr. S. M. Bruce, Mr. J. G. Coates, Mr. Havenga and the Maharajah of Burdwan on imperial defence at the Imperial Conference on October 26 are issued to-night.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, at the outset, stressed the rigid adherence of successive Governments to the advisory and consultative character of the Committee of Imperial Defence, throughout all its developments. The elasticity of membership of the Committee enabled the Dominions and India to take advantage of the facilities of the Committee to any extent they desired and they can accept, modify or reject its advice. Opportunities for personal association of the representatives of the Dominions with the Committee since the war had not been numerous but the question of imperial defence had been discussed in the greatest detail by the Imperial Conferences, which, indeed, provided an opportunity for stocktaking the Committee's work. Apart from the personal attendance of Ministers, however, the association of the Dominions with the Committee since the war had been considerable. He mentioned that there are at present fifty sub-committees dealing with the co-ordination of the fighting services and the ancillary work of the civilian departments generally. The whole of this great field was co-ordinated by the Committee of Imperial Defence in the hope that the Dominions and India would avail themselves of the advantages of the recently established Imperial Defence College.

CLOSER CO-OPERATION WANTED.

Mr. Baldwin outlined other sub-committees' activities and hoped that as part of the general policy of improving methods of communication and consultation on matters of common interest it would be considered how far in the interest of the co-ordination of defence the elastic machinery of the Imperial Defence Committee might be further used. The Home Government would certainly welcome a more frequent association and closer co-operation with the committee on all matters affecting the Dominions or the general defence of the Empire.

CANADA'S DEFENCE.

Statements were made at a further meeting on October 26 by Admiral Beatty on behalf of the Chiefs of Staff Committee and by Lord Birkenhead and, after subsequent meetings at the Ministry, the discussions were resumed at a meeting of the Conference on November 15, when speeches were made by Mr. Mackenzie King, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Coates, Mr. Havenga, Mr. Monroe and the Maharajah of Burdwan.

Mr. Mackenzie King (Canada) expressing appreciation of the service demonstrations, said they indicated the need for all parts of the Empire to keep abreast in defence development. He proceeded to describe the Canadian defence organisation.

AUSTRALIA'S PROGRAMME.

Mr. Bruce (Australia) reviewed at length what had been done in Australia in the way of defence since the passing of the 1923 Conference resolutions. He said that the ordinary expenditure on the maintenance of local defence now approximates \$5,000,000 annually. The Australian Government in 1924, also approved of a developmental programme extending for five years at a total cost of \$5,000,000, excluding the capital cost of naval construction—that is, the ordinary programme of \$5,000,000. One million pounds sterling was also provided for an additional developmental programme, which Mr. Bruce specified at length. Mr. Bruce summed up by saying that Australia in the present five years of which this is the third year, is spending \$25,000,000 on ordinary maintenance, \$5,000,000 on developmental purposes, and \$6,250,000 on naval construction and aircraft equipment. That was equal to an annual expenditure of twenty-four shillings per head of the population throughout five years but for the current year the appropriation was over \$8,000,000—an average cost of 27/2d. per head.

COMPLETE UNIFORMITY.

Mr. Bruce said that the guiding principle on which all defence preparations was based, is complete uniformity with the fighting services of Britain in order, in time of emergency, they may dovetail into any formation with which the

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Captain J.F.C. Lake and the officers of H.M.S. Hawkins for lending the Band of H.M.S. Hawkins and the Bandmaster for the very excellent programme of music provided.

Lt. Col. Comyn, D.S.O., for lending the Pipes of the 2nd Batin. of the K.O.S.B. Regiment.

Mrs. Chater for producing the Pastoral Play and Miss V. Capell for arranging all the dances.

The Director of Public Works for allowing members of his staff to help in many ways.

Mr. Agassiz and Mr. Tickle for kind help and assistance. Mr. Gray (overseer) for supervising the erection of stalls and side shows and Messrs. Sang Lee (P. W. D. Contractors) for erecting them at a nominal price.

The Captain Superintendent of Police and the Police under Inspector Alexander for the excellent Police arrangements during the afternoon.

Mr. Deakin, Custodian, Government House, for his excellent management of all the Fete arrangements and for his invaluable assistance rendered throughout.

The British American Tobacco Co. for their most generous donation of cigarettes.

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Messrs. Lane Crawford for gifts and Mr. Goodall for his excellent tea arrangements at the lowest possible cost.

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Messrs. The Hongkong Electric Co. for giving the lighting free and for a big donation of \$200.

The Press for their continued courtesy and help in every way possible.

The Editor of the China Mail for the gift of beautiful Christmas cards and post cards.

Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard for the gift of home made sweets.

The Hon. Mr. Hallifax for gifts of Wembley post cards and jewellery and for having the Fete advertisements translated into Chinese for the Chinese newspapers.

Mr. S. O. Hill for beautiful art posters.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Austin for running the Lucky Wheel and Ice Cream Cart.

Rear Admiral Stirling, Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird and the Hon. Mr. H. T. Greasy for judging competitions and supervising drawing of raffles.

Mr. Dyer Ball for organizing and running the Accounts Office, Lo Cheuk Son and Ng Pik Sang (Shroffs of Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation), Tsoi Kui Yung, Thomas Lay and Chan Kwai Tui for helping with the accounts.

The Pioneer Silk Store for gifts of chocolate and a beautiful hair coat.

CHINA UNREST.**BRITISH MINISTER TO VISIT HANKOW.**

Rugby, Dec. 2.

The latest reports from Hankow indicate that the situation is somewhat easier.

The landing of marines in the concessions and reinforcement of naval vessels in the river have had a salutary effect. A settlement has been reached with some of the labour unions in the town.

The main danger is from a section of agitators who are suspected of a desire to provoke a clash between the Chinese and foreigners.

Cantonese officials declare their intention of introducing at Hankow additional taxes on foreign trade, similar to those instituted at Canton.

Before proceeding to Peking Mr. Miles Lampson, the new British Minister, who reached Shanghai two days ago, will visit Hankow to examine the conditions there. —British Wireless.

Shanghai, Dec. 2.

Mr. Lampson has announced his intention of going to Hankow before proceeding to Peking in order to make himself acquainted with the situation there. —Reuter.

BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY.**TO MEET FRENCH LEADERS.**

Rugby, Dec. 2.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain, left London for Paris this morning. Sir Austen will spend two days in Paris, and see M. M. Poincare and Briand before proceeding to Geneva. —British Wireless.

London, Dec. 2.

Sir Austen and Lady Chamberlain have departed for Geneva to attend the Council of the League. It is anticipated the proceedings will finish in time for them to return to London on December 14. Nothing sensational is expected at the Council, whose agenda has no outstanding feature. —Reuter.

Interest In China.

London, Dec. 2.

The close attention with which Sir Austen Chamberlain is following the Chinese situation was shown on his departure for Geneva. While standing on the platform at Victoria he received a last-minute report from Sir William Tyrrell, with whom he conversed most earnestly. Sir Austen carried a bulky portfolio, including many papers on the Chinese situation. —Reuter.

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Miss Robinson and Mrs. Lay for selling programmes.

Mrs. G. Alabaster and Mrs. Miskin for being in charge of tea tickets.

Mrs. Charles for running the Ankle Competition.

And many other ladies and gentlemen who have given assistance most generously in donations, in work or in helping to run side shows.

NAVAL VOLUNTEERS.**QUESTION OF COST AIRED IN PARLIAMENT.**

London, Dec. 2.

In the House of Commons in reply to questions, Mr. Bridgeman said that the costs of the upkeep of a minesweeper which was under consideration to send to Hongkong in connexion with the scheme for the organisation of naval volunteers, also the cost of training the personnel would be with money provided by the Hongkong Government if the scheme were eventually adopted.

The scheme approved by His Majesty's Government was in accordance with the general policy of encouraging the formation of local naval volunteer reserve units in certain ports of the Empire for purposes of local defence. —Reuter.

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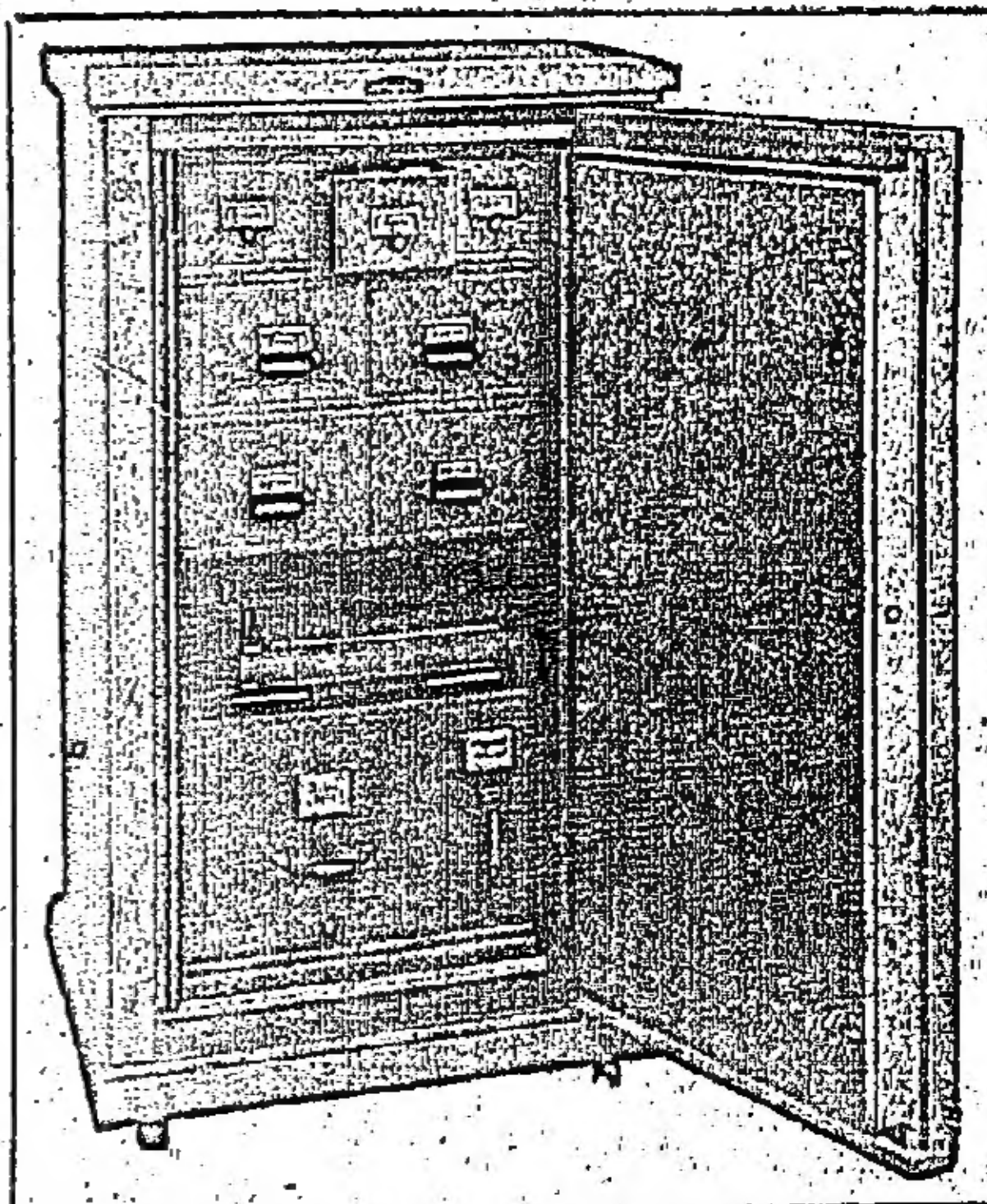
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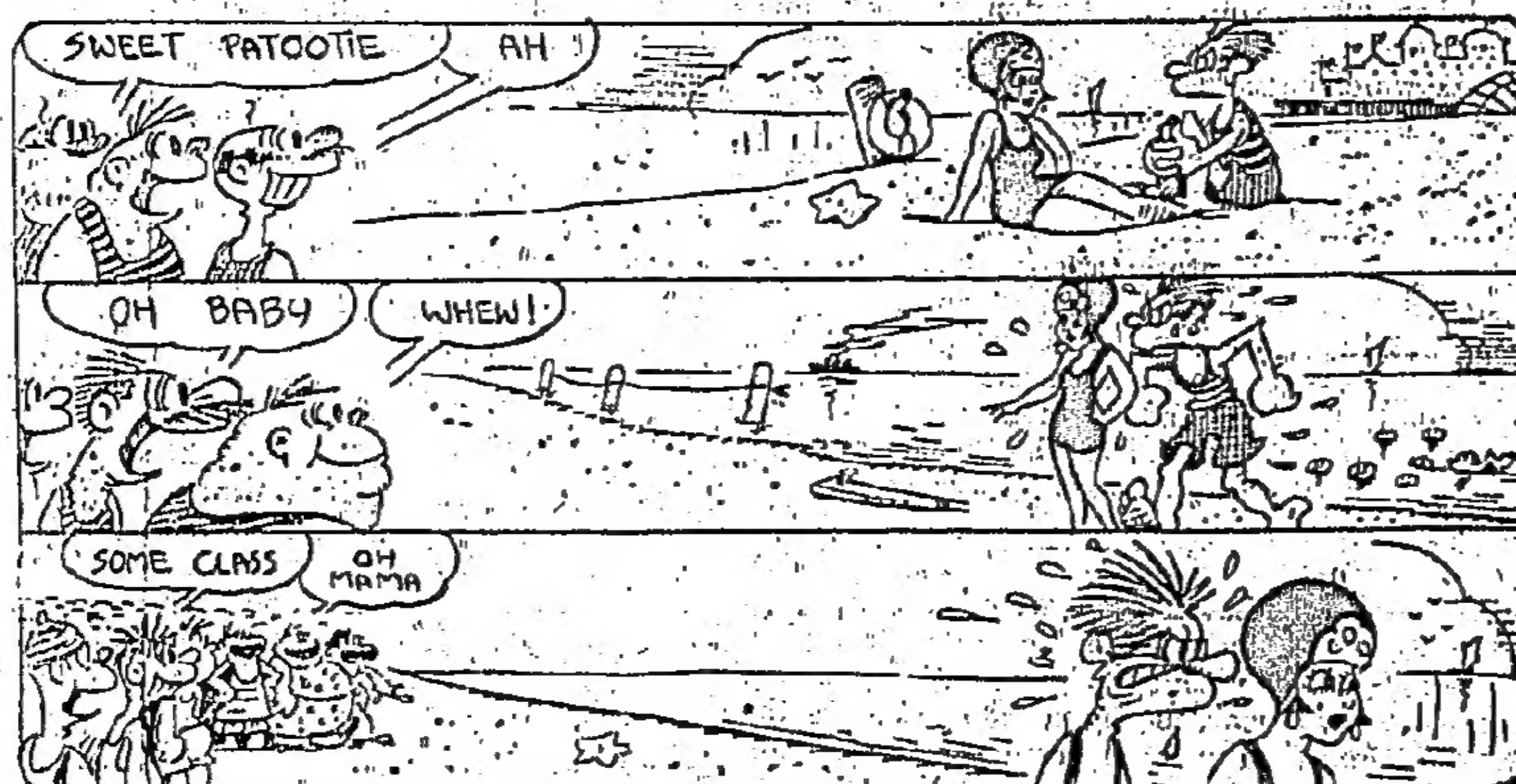
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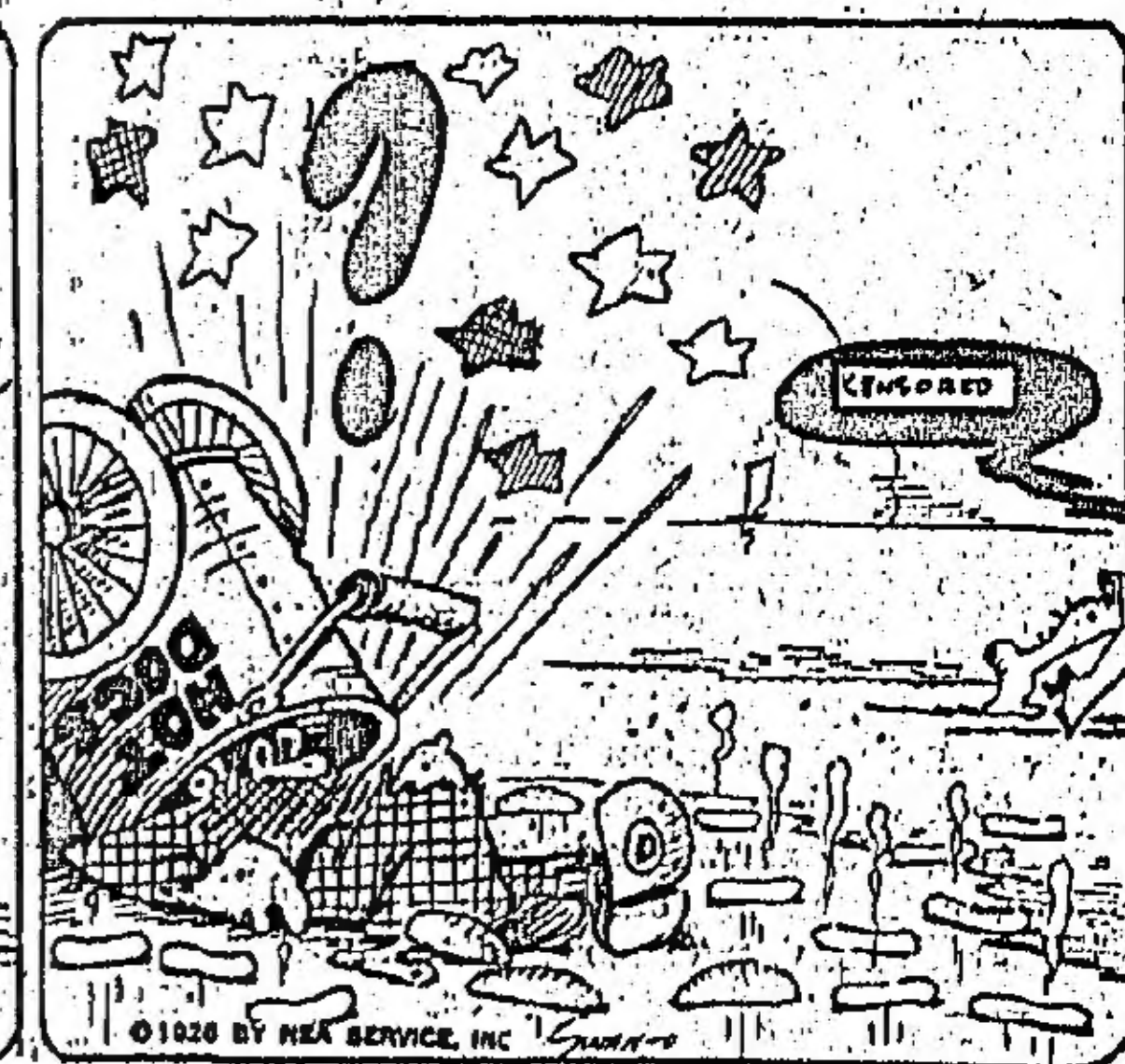
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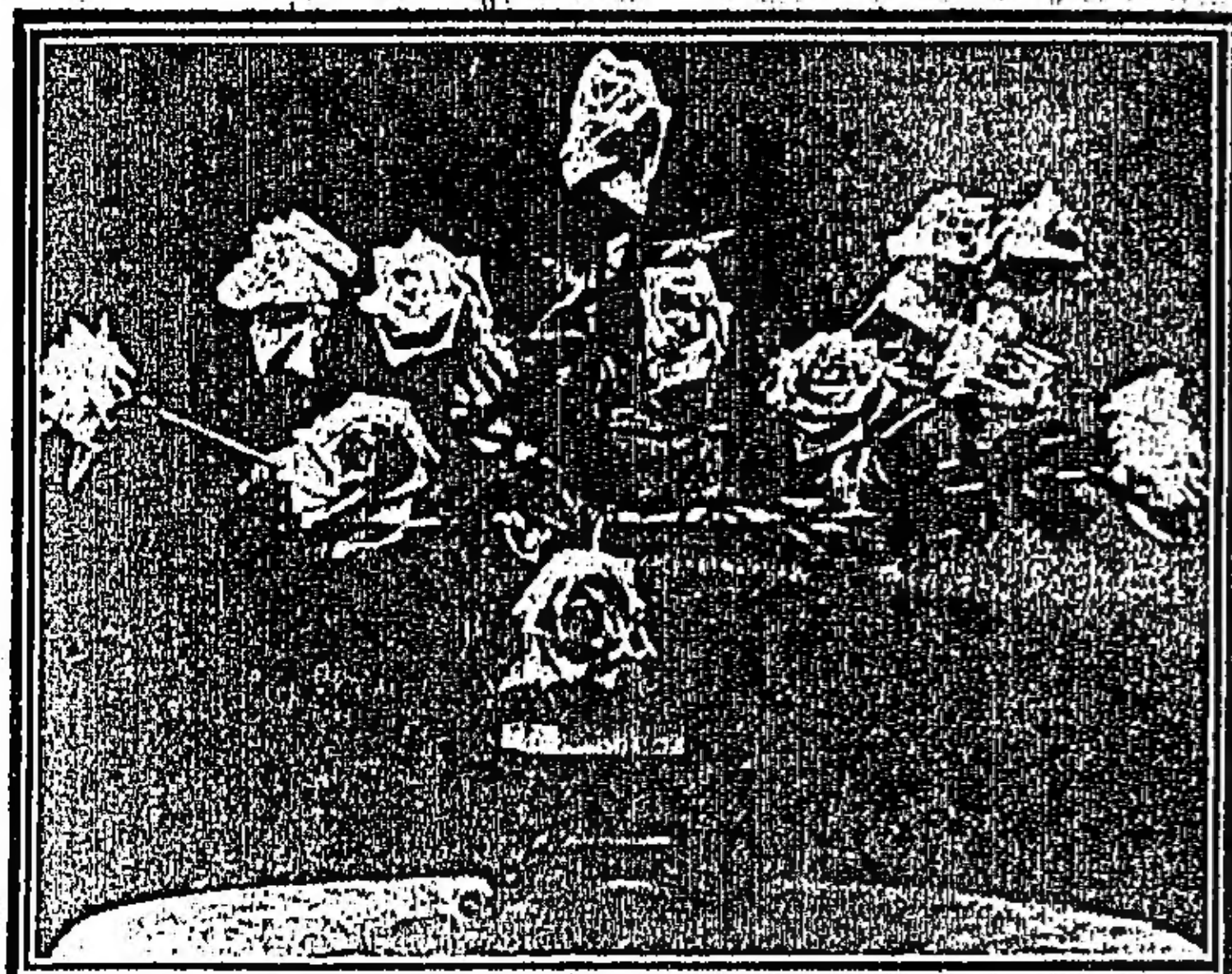




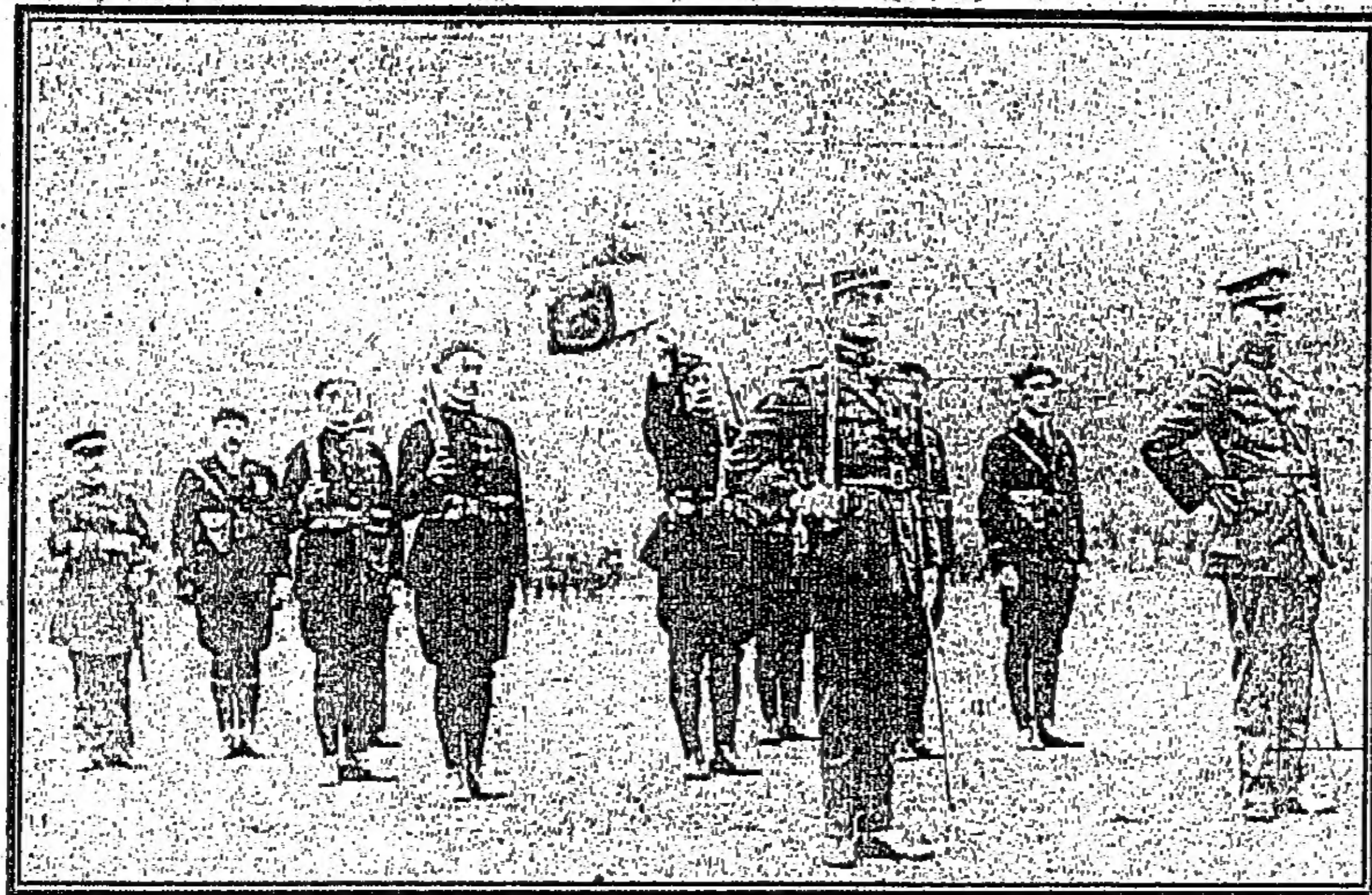
DINNER IN HONOUR OF SWEDISH CROWN PRINCE AND PRINCESS.—Members of the Swedish community in Shanghai gave a formal dinner at the Cercle Sportif Français to the Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden, who passed through Shanghai recently, travelling incognito under the title of Duke and Duchess of Scania. Guests included members of the Scandinavian communities in Shanghai, and Chinese and consular officials of other nations.



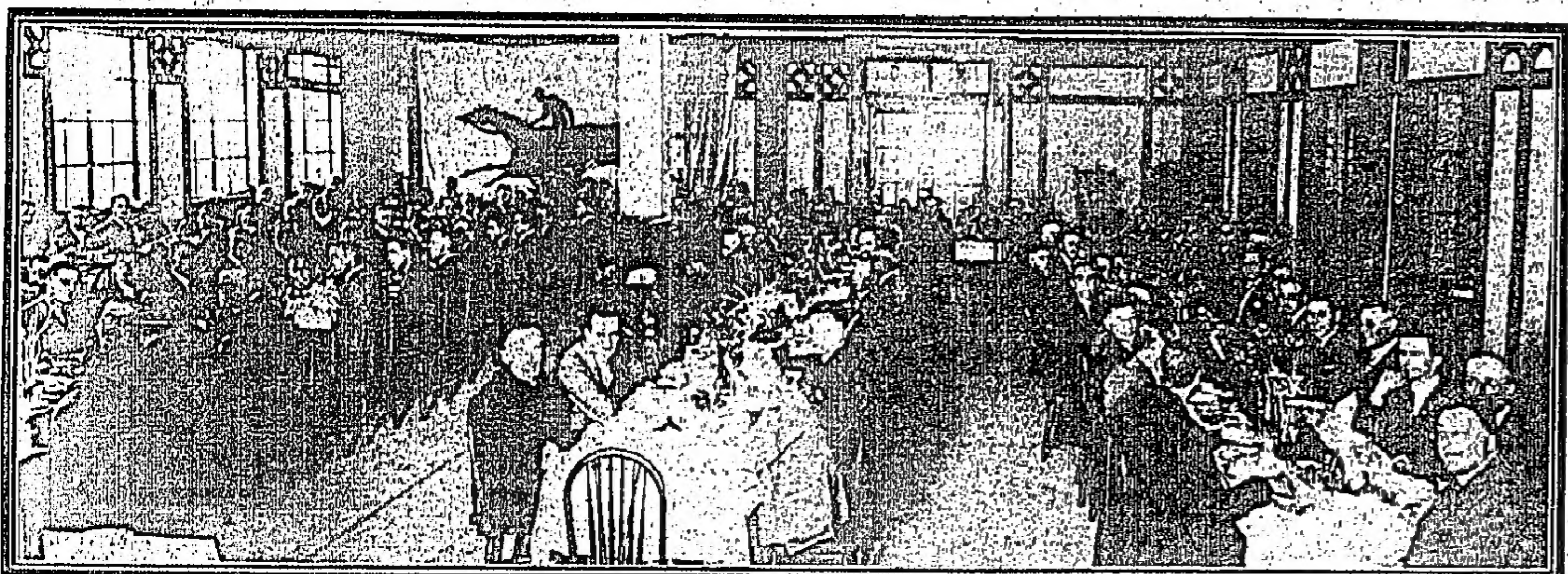
CINEMA STAR.—A recent photograph of Reginald Denny, the popular film actor.



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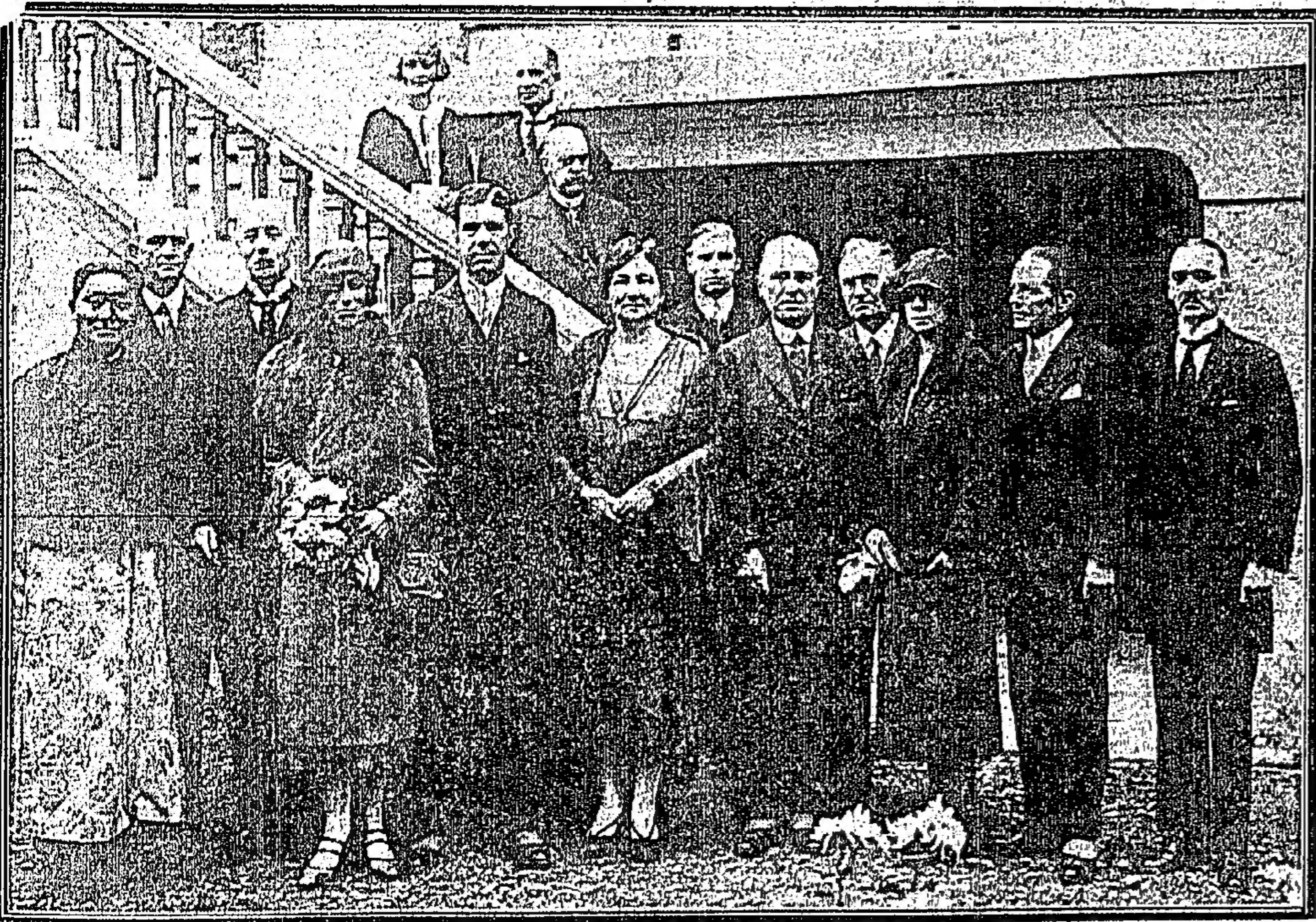
FRENCH CONCESSION OFFICIALS DECORATED.—Captain E. Fiori, Chief of the French Police (left, front) and Colonel Wei Ding-yong (right, front), head of the Chinese company of volunteers in the French Concession, Shanghai, were decorated yesterday week. The ceremony took place in the French Park and the decorations were presented by Rear-Admiral Basire, Commander-in-Chief of the French naval forces in the Far East.



OWNERS AND JOCKEYS AT TIFFIN.—Picture taken at the Race Club, Shanghai, on the "Off Day" of the Autumn Race Meeting, when owners and jockeys met at tiffin, a custom long established in the Club. This was the first occasion when the new tiffin rooms were used.

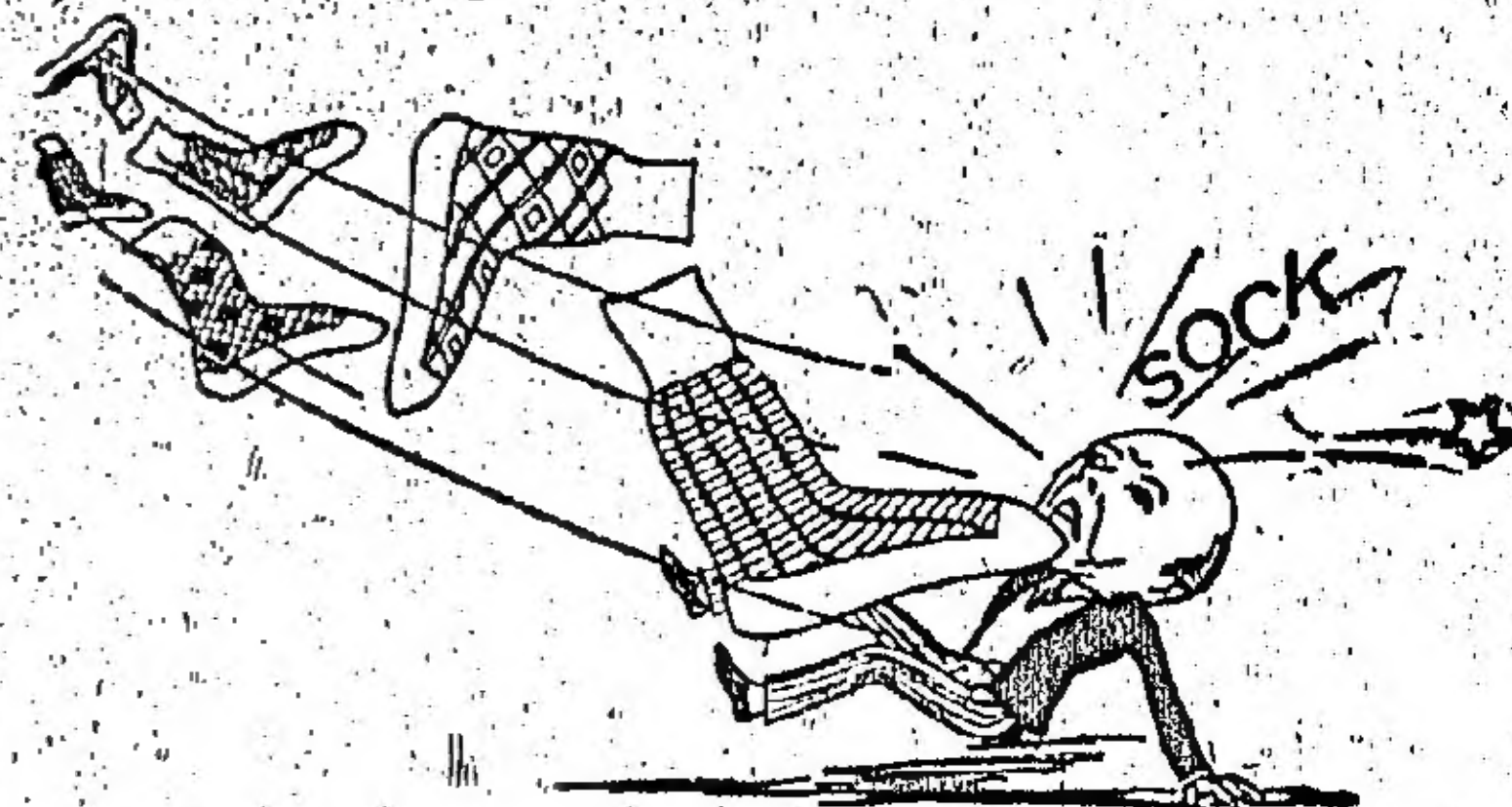


RICHARD BARTHELMESS.—A new picture of Richard Barthelmess, an-otrehpopular film star.



ROYAL VISITORS ENTERTAINED.—The Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden spent one day in seeing the sights of Shanghai. At noon they were the guests at a tiffin at the Swedish Consulate. In the above photo the Crown Prince is the fifth person from the reader's left. The Crown Princess is on the Prince's right hand.

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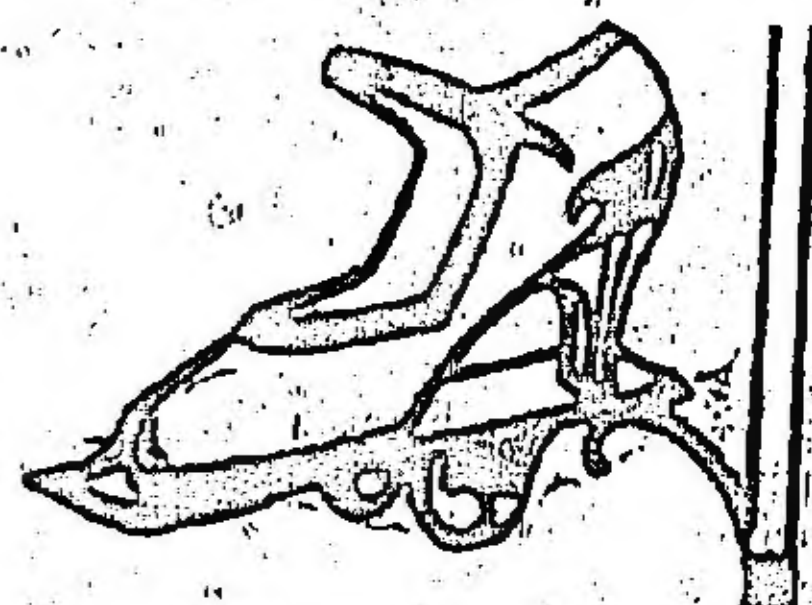
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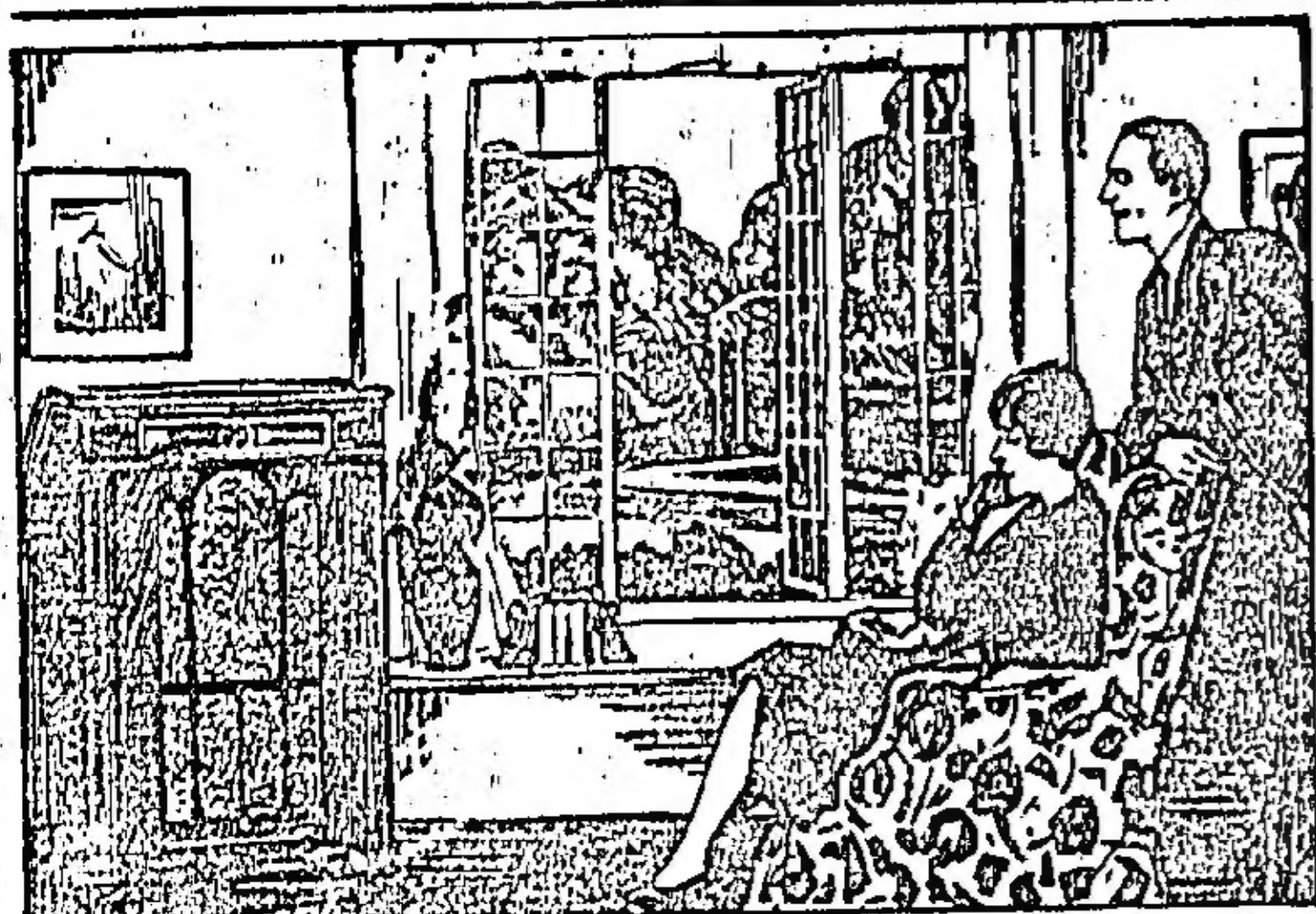
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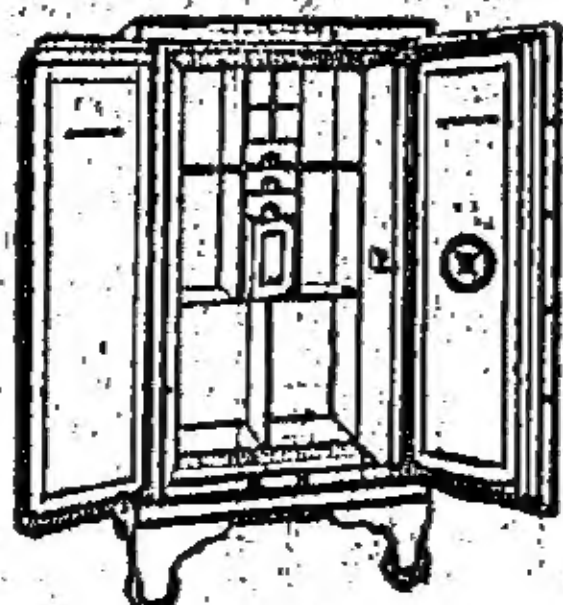
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The Telegraph

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THE PROBLEM OF CHINA.

Every day it is becoming increasingly evident that at the moment the whole world has its eyes on China. The incoherent condition of the country, the continued stress and strife, and the ever-present danger that serious international complications may arise—all these factors in the situation give cause for a measure of anxiety and concern regarding the eventual outcome. Amongst the Powers, there is general agreement that intervention just now might aggravate the position rather than improve it. That is why, as Sir Edward Stockton aptly put it, a watching policy is at the moment inevitable. It is no business of foreign nations to interfere in the internal strife in China, so long as their interests and the lives and property of their subjects are not threatened. British policy is founded on a recognition of that point, and we do not doubt that it will continue along those lines so long as the situation remains in its present state. At the same time, there is abundant evidence that there is to be no toleration of injury to our interests, in which connection it is satisfactory to realise that the Imperial authorities are keeping a sharp eye on the turn of events.

The trouble with China just now, as has so often been pointed out, is that she is passing through a period of transition. The ship of State founders along in the face of a storm which at the moment shows little sign of abating, and there appears no one able to take the wheel and steer the barque clear of the rocks which lie ahead. But China has managed to weather adverse conditions before, and we have still hopes that a safe and peaceful haven will eventually be reached. There are certain elements in China at the moment who would have the world believe that Britain and some of the other Powers are little else than wreckers and that they would not greatly care if disaster should come. But that is a sheer distortion of the facts. All that is best in the aspirations of the Chinese people, has the sympathy of those Powers who know that the eventual stabilisation of the situation will be to the mutual benefit of China and the whole world. But the posi-

tion is one of extraordinary difficulty at present. The report of the Commission on Extra-Territoriality shows that there is practically no law in the country, just as there is no effective Government functioning. Many of the reforms which are necessary have been stressed by the Commissioners, but the trouble is to get a start made. Even the interim proposals call for some effort by China. Moreover, it is difficult to ascertain whether the Report is likely to find acceptance amongst the Chinese, but if something could be done in the way of recognising such Governments in the country as are capable of exercising some measure of authority and induce those to make a beginning, the double purpose would be served of making a useful gesture of friendship and of initiating the more urgent reforms called for.

Despite all that her detractors may say, Britain has again and again shown her desire to maintain and strengthen good relationships with China, and the latest indication of that spirit is manifested in the recommendations of the Boxer Indemnity Commission. The times are trying to all who have dealings with China. But patience and watchfulness should in the long run be justified and vindicated.

The Strike Ends.

Just a three-line paragraph, saying that as district agreements have been fixed up and as men are returning to work there is no further need to publish daily official returns of the number of men at work, announces the finish of what has been the most disastrous coal strike in British history. The great strike has just "petered out" in the reluctant surrender of the men to economic facts that could not be evaded. The miners have had to accept lower wages and they have now to work slightly longer hours, notwithstanding the brave and ridiculous and obstinate show that was made at the beginning of the fight. In spite of the fact that the miners leaders have displayed much that has been regrettable in the way of obstructionist tactics, we are sorry that the strike has had no better result than that just witnessed. It ought to have been possible to do much more than merely defeat the miners on their silly slogan regarding "not a penny off the pay, not an hour on the day," but, so far as we have been informed up to the present, there has been achieved nothing really constructive. The miners have not lost wholly—it would be a mistake to think that—for the terms made in most of the districts are well above the flat 1921 standard to which the owners were going to revert according to the notices which precipitated the stoppage at the beginning of May. But they have gained nothing in spirit or temper and the strike has left a very definite legacy of disappointment and the desire to retaliate. The Government has not come out of the fight with altogether clean hands, and there is a groundwork of fact behind the miners' accusation of partiality. The future will undoubtedly see a reaping of the animosities left unhealed. But, in spite of pessimism on this score, we would like to pay tribute to the remarkable behaviour of the strikers. Over one million workers have been on strike for seven months and every Britisher knows what hardship that has entailed among the miners and their families. There have been times when patience must have been well-nigh exhausted, yet there has been consistent and really wonderful good conduct.

NICARAGUAN REVOLT.

LIBERAL LEADER SETS UP OPPOSITION.

Managua, Dec. 2. Dr. Juan Sacasa, the political head of the Liberal Party, and formerly vice-President of Nicaragua, has arrived at Puerto Cabezas with a number of his followers in order to establish a Liberal Government in opposition to President Diaz's Conservative administration. *Reuter's American Service.*

DAY BY DAY.

IF GOOD PEOPLE WOULD BUT MAKE THEIR GOODNESS AGREEABLE, AND SMILE INSTEAD OF FROWNING IN THEIR VIRTUE, HOW MANY WOULD THEY WIN TO THE GOOD CAUSE!—*Archbishop Usher.*

Another Chinese case of typhoid fever was reported yesterday.

The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, fresh; fair.

Passengers for Hongkong arriving on board the s.s. Tunda were Mr. R. A. North, Miss North and Miss Crawford.

Contemplating suicide, a Chinese living at Sai Street, drank a quantity of Lysol yesterday. He was still living when discovered lying on his bed in a cubicle, and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

A slide of earth down the hillside near the Diocesan Boys' School yesterday led to the death of an earth coolie, whose skull was fractured by a piece of rock. The remains were removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

A Japanese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning on a charge of refusing to pay his fare and assaulting the conductor on a tram yesterday. He was remanded to enable him to produce a witness.

Sir Henry Sannman, who started life as a cabin boy, and became a sea captain and shipowner, has given £10,000 to the Missions to Seamen for a new institute and church at Hull.

At the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday Mr. W. Jack of No. 1 Canton Villas was fined \$7 by Mr. J. H. B. Nihil for allowing his dog to be abroad without a muzzle, this being the second offence against the defendant. Mr. C. Bond was fined \$5 for a similar offence.

A successful sale of work was held at the Union Church Rooms yesterday with results that exceeded expectations. Mr. J. Kirk Macdonald presided and assisted by an enthusiastic band of helpers had little difficulty in disposing of the many articles exposed for sale.

A dance given by the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club on Saturday night in aid of the Russian lady who suffered in the Sunning piracy, resulted in the substantial sum of \$500 being realised. Tickets sold by the Tai Koo Recreation Club came to \$85, by the China Sugar Refining staff to \$80, and by the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club to \$335.

London, Nov. 10.—Mr. Walter Runciman has sent a letter to the Swansea West Liberal Association intimating that he does not intend to seek re-election at the next general election. It has been known that there was a Liberal split at Swansea over Mr. Runciman's attitude towards Mr. Lloyd George.

A Canton communique announces the appointment of Mr. Li Sing-yik as Minister of Finance and Provincial Treasurer, *pro tem*, during the absence of Mr. T. V. Soong. It is reported that Mr. T. V. Soong is resigning the concurrent post of the Provincial Treasurer of Kwangtung, and, in that case, Mr. Li Sing-yik's appointment will probably become substantive.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with importing 1,500 pounds of copper coins into the Colony without the necessary permit. The man was arrested on the s.s. Hainan yesterday consequent on a search by revenue officers which disclosed the presence of 47 bags of Chinese copper coins on the steamer. Mr. Leo d'Almeida appeared for the Chinese, who was remanded.

Another successful Ladies' Night was held at the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday, dinner being followed by an excellent entertainment. The artistes who contributed to the programme were Mr. H. Morley, Mrs. W. Robson, and Mr. V. C. Labrum. A well produced little playlet entitled "Coffee Black" was presented by Miss Gladys Nicholas, and Messrs. J. Petrie, P. Sanjids and E. W. Alltree. "The White Coons" also made their first appearance, presenting a Minstrel Medley. "The White Coons" consisted of Messrs. Grenham, Anderson, Murray, Petrie, Hunt, Dand, Chapman, Howell, Greenhalgh, Sowell and Richards, with Mr. H. J. Fountain as pianist. An interesting jigsaw puzzle also created considerable amusement.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

A CONSTANCE TALMADGE FILM.

There is quite an excellent film being shown at the Queen's Theatre at present, this being "The Dangerous Maid," a First National production starring Constance Talmadge.

Set in the 17th Century, during the period of the Monmouth rebellion against King James, the tale is an interesting record of adventure and romance, in which the old-time spirit and atmosphere is most admirably portrayed. There is moreover, a gratifying restraint evident all through, with the avoidance of many of those exaggerations which spoil films dealing with the period. It is a simple but in some respects thrilling tale that is told, and the settings are all that could be desired. Constance Talmadge takes the title role with great success, and is ably supported by Conway Tearle and the remainder of the cast.

We can commend this picture as being well worth seeing.

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are extracted from the *Telegraph* files for the week ended December 3th, 1905.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 0. 3/8d.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner was admitted as a solicitor at the Supreme Court.

Mr. Rockhill, the U. S. Minister to China, called at the Foreign Office in Peking and urged the withdrawal of the anti-American boycott.

The death was recorded of Mr. L. M. Kerr, Superintendent Shipwright of the Kowloon Dock.

The Ladies' Recreation Club held a subscription dance, for which the charge was \$5.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Rugby, Dec. 2.
Paris	1201
Genoa	25.14
Berlin	20.30
Oslo	10.12 1/2
Helsingfors	10.2 1/2
Rio	6.3/32
Shanghai	2.4 1/2
Brussels	34.87
Milan	13.84
Copenhagen	18.20 1/2
Prague	163 1/2
Lisbon	2.17/32
Bombay	1/5.18/10
Yokohama	2/0.5/10
New York	48.45/10
Amsterdam	12.13 1/2
Stockholm	34.30 1/2
Vienna	31.90 1/2
Madrid	31.90 1/2
Buenos Aires	45 1/2
Hongkong	1/10 1/2
Silver (spot)	24.9/10
Silver (forward)	24 1/2

—British Wireless.

Delhi, Nov. 11.—The new capital of India, on the south site of Delhi, has been occupied by the Government this cold weather, but Government House will not be ready for occupation by the Viceroy for another two years. A magnificent edifice on the South African mode has been constructed for housing the Indian Legislatures in the new capital.

Blackburn Antiquarian Society are to excavate old Roman fortifications on Mellor Moors, Lancashire.

In view of the approaching visit of H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught to Japan, it was proposed to postpone the Hongkong St. George's Ball so as to enable him to be present.

The completion of the King Edward Hotel, of which Messrs. Leigh and Orange were the architects, was announced.

H. E. Sir Matthew Nathan presided at a meeting at which it was decided to form a Hongkong Horticultural Society. Sir Francis Pigott, Chief Justice, was named as first President.

The Victoria Dramatic Club presented the Irish drama, "The Shaughraun," at the St. Patrick's Club.

The Very Idea!

It has long since been recognised that the average shop assistant has to be endowed with the hide of a rhinoceros, the tact of a Chesterfield and the patience of a Job in order to play his trying part. Here is an authoritative pronouncement on the subject: "When a woman customer comes in and says, by way of opening conversation, 'It's a wet morning,' the salesman should never reply, 'Yes, it is a wet morning!' He must think of something bright and original."

Mr. Assistant, may I give you a helping hand with some bright and original replies?

It's a wet morning. Rather. Does it affect your corns?

Yes. The rain does that, you know.

No, no. You must not believe what the papers tell you.

Is it? Do you use the overlapping grip?

Indeed. Do you know anything for the three-thirty?

Well, well well. I hope it doesn't spoil the Gas Light and Coke Company's Rotary Club's Annual Binge. In this way the customer's sales-resistance will be broken down and large orders will follow.

One of the largest women's bobbing shops in New England has ruled that women may smoke no longer while getting their hair cut, or "facial." The proprietor of the shop took a vote among 1000 women and found that only 42 wanted to smoke while in the barber's chair.

Smile and the world smiles with you; Frown and you frown alone. For the cheerful grin will let you in.

Where the frown is never known.

In a certain cricket match one of the batsmen was given out with a doubtful lb.w. decision.

"I am not out!" the indignant batsman protested vigorously. "Not out!"

"Aren't you?" the umpire retorted, with confidence. "Well, you have a look in to-morrow morning's paper and see."

The beautiful but dangerous ringtail of South Africa is the lone occupant of its cage now. The other day it engaged in a duel to the death with the famous white cobra of the London zoo, and killed its cage-fellow. The ringtails are cousins of the cobras and have a hasty temper. They can spit poison eight feet.

School girls of South Shields, cannot wear rings to school. Teachers complain that the girls pay too much attention to their hands, and not enough to their books. The matter came to a head when an irate parent complained that a teacher had kept her girl's ring. The teacher explained that the girl kept twisting the ring on her finger and would not pay attention to lessons. The board upheld the teacher.

"The common human life is a tissue of expectations that are never realized and anticipations that are never fulfilled, of toil for unsatisfying ends and pursuing anxieties, of outrage, of tormenting desires, of fever and fatigue, anger and repentance, malaise, and death." This cheerful little description of the thing called Life comes from H. G. Wells. Philosophers, poets, the leaders of all time have told us loudly and vigorously that life was not worth its salt, the powder to blow it up, or the thistledown upon which it floated. But somehow we kept on living, and somehow, too, we have kept right on enjoying this "tissue of expectations never realized." It is not too much to expect, that even knowing how this business of holding a job, paying the meat bill and owning a radio is merely "toil for unsatisfying ends," we will continue as usual to be mighty glad of a fling at it.

"My daughter depends a good deal on the classics."

"Why, I thought she was just learning to play!"

"She is, but they enable her to reach the piano by sitting on them."

TWO-THIRDS OF MINERS
RESUME.NEW EIGHT-HOUR BASIS
GENERAL.

A VOTE OF CENSURE.

London, Dec. 2.
In the House of Commons Colonel Lane Fox the Minister for Mines, announced that the export of South Wales' coal and patent fuel was now permitted where a market therefor was obtainable in Britain. The export of coke was not yet possible in view of the state of stocks. Similar facilities were being granted to the northeast coast.

Replying to Mr. Herbert Williams, Sir William Joynson Hicks stated that a large number of the Emergency Regulations were being cancelled immediately, those being retained relating to the distribution of coal.—*Reuter*.

EIGHT-HOURS DAY.

London, Dec. 2.
In the House of Commons replying to Mr. Thomas Williams, Col. Lane Fox said he understood that work in the mines had been resumed on an eight-hour basis everywhere except in Nottingham, North Derbyshire and Yorkshire, and also in Northumberland and Derby for hewers. He estimated that approximately two-thirds of the industry was resuming on an eight-hour basis.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin announced that the Opposition would move a vote of censure on the Government on Wednesday relative to the coal stoppage.—(Loud cheers and counter-cheers).—*Reuter*.

VOTE OF CENSURE.

Later.
The vote of censure which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald moves in the House of Commons on Wednesday, regrets the policy of the Government during the lock-out in the mining industry, and declares that the Government is deserving of censure for its disregard of the findings of the Royal Commission, its partiality towards the mineowners, its failure to control the prices of coal, and for passing the Coal Mines' Eight Hours Act, which had prolonged and resulted in the imposition of harsh terms upon men who were no longer able to resist. It further declares that a decent standard of life and a living wage for miners can now be secured only by the nation taking and reorganising the mining industry.—*Reuter*.

LICENCE REFUSED.

(Continued From Page 1.)

NEW SCHEMES.

Mr. Strellett then proceeded to go into details of the business done by the Cafe and of different schemes now contemplated for its improvement and the comfort and enjoyment of its patrons. He submitted that it was serving a long-felt want among a certain section of the community by its provision of cheap meals. The Cafe, he said, was the only place in the Colony where dancing and music were provided free of charge with meals, and where one could drop in for a quiet evening enjoying the music and partaking of the drinks. The majority of the drinks served were of the "soft" variety during meals, but there was also a considerable business done between meals with casual callers and tourists, and with people who came in to watch the dances after dinners.

With regard to the present applicant, Mr. Strellett said that he was a married man, with a family, but if it were necessary that he should sleep in the premises, this could be arranged, and all other conditions faithfully carried out. Mr. Green was well-known in the Colony as a tennis player and cricketer, and until a few years ago was a partner of Messrs. Banker and Company. Mr. Green was a teetotaler, which might not be called a virtue, but was a qualification which might stand in his favour.

THE POLICE VIEWPOINT.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe said he would like to point out, with regard to what Mr. Strellett had said, that, in the first place, there was no question about it, that as regards the business in the past, the restaurant on certain occasions, at different times, had been managed badly. The police were promised all would be well when it was started as an experiment, and that it was to fulfill a certain want which seemed to exist here. As representing

NEW CAPITAL.

WILL WONG CHING-WAI
RETURN?

AT VARIANCE WITH CHANG.

It was reported yesterday from Canton that the question of the transfer of the seat of the Nationalist Government and the headquarters of the Kuomintang to Wuchang had involved issues between Right and Left sections of that Party. It has now come to light that there have been differences on the point between General Chang Kai-shek and Mr. Wong Ching-wai, with results, it is said, that will prevent him from coming into power for some time at least.

It will be remembered that during the absence of Mr. Ku Ying-fun, Chairman of the Committee of Provincial Affairs, on a special mission to the front, the Left section managed, at one of the meetings of the Central Committee of Political Affairs, to secure endorsement of a resolution to invite Mr. Wong Ching-wai to resume his former offices in the Government and the Party, and a mission was appointed to welcome him back to Canton. But later the extremists were unable to carry their plan any further.

In the meantime, it is said, Mr. Ku Ying-fun was ordered back to Canton with secret instructions from General Chang Kai-shek, who at the same time ordered the transfer of the seat of the Nationalist Government and the headquarters of the Kuomintang Party without further delay, and also advised the ministerial chiefs to see for themselves the new conditions of the conquered provinces. To force an immediate carrying out of the decision of removal of the Government and the Party headquarters, which had been agreed to at a meeting of the Central Committee of Political Affairs, General Yang Yin-tat and Chang Kai-shek hastened back to Canton by aeroplane flight, and it so happened that they arrived at about the same time as Mr. Ku Ying-fun. Shortly after their arrival, the date of transfer of the Government was fixed for not later than December 10th. By this means it is believed that General Chang Kai-shek has placed both the Nationalist Government and the Kuomintang Party in a position where the efforts of the Left members can be kept under close observation.

LABOUR UNION MOVE.

It is reported from Canton that the All-China Labour Union will also remove its headquarters to Wuchang, and that in view of the reports of a probable general strike at Hankow several of the leaders of the Union have already left for that city.

Regarding troops, the greater part of the Canton forces will, it is said, be sent to Hankow, but that the forces under the command of General Li Fook-lum and the Kwangtung local defence forces will remain at their posts. A branch of the Whampoa Military Academy will be established at Wuchang. (Continued on Next Column.)

The police, Mr. Wolfe said he was doubtful at the present moment that such a want had been fulfilled by the restaurant. In referring to a recent scheme mooted for the establishment of a skating rink in the Cafe, Mr. Wolfe went on to say that it seemed to him that the restaurant had not fulfilled this, or any reasonable want, when it had to look around for other means of attracting patronage to the premises.

Mr. Wolfe, continuing, stated that it was most unusual that Mr. Durand, who held the former licence, should have gone away from the Colony when his presence in the Cafe was one of the most necessary conditions of the licence. For twelve days there was no licensee living on the premises.

Concluding, the Captain Superintendent of Police said that, personally, the police had no objection to Mr. Green holding the licence, but he questioned the extent of the responsibility which would be conferred on Mr. Green in the management of the restaurant. If the actual licensee of the premises were in full control, there would be no objection whatever.

The Board then proceeded to consider the application in camera, and later, the Chairman, in pointing out that they had no personal ground against Mr. Green, said that the Board considered that the Cafe was not fulfilling an exten-

BOXING SENSATION.

EWIN FORFEITS WELTER
CHAMPIONSHIP.

[By "Wanderer."]]

Able Seaman Ewin has forfeited the welterweight championship of the Colony and the G. M. Young Belt. This bombshell was dropped on me this morning.

In the course of negotiations for a match between Ewin and Stoker Morris, the obvious challenger, Ewin made the announcement that he was unable to defend his title because he is no longer capable of making the welterweight limit. Ewin has, I am informed, expressed his intention to confine himself in future to the middle-weight class, and therefore he automatically loses the belt he won in November by defeating Stoker P. O. Jim Cartledge.

Ewin's decision is difficult to understand, though it is possible that he really has been forcing himself down to the welterweight limit too long. He now comes within Howard's scope, and as Morris has also announced his willingness to meet any man up to twelve stone, we may get some interesting scraps between the two.

In any case, hopes have not been given up that Mr. Brook will be able to get Ewin and Morris together on December 21st, though the match may perhaps be at the "elastic" catchweights.

TO-MORROW'S TOURNAMENT.

All is now set for the tournament to-morrow, and no doubt the City Hall will be filled to overflowing. The programme is stronger than that of last month, and everyone will be keen to witness Stoker "Tall" Howard in action on his first appearance inside any Hongkong ring.

It may be of interest to many to know that Francis is shaping well and is confident to the extent that he has backed himself for a considerable sum.

Howard is confident itself, and judging by what I have already seen, I don't think the disparity in weight will cause him much worry.

MORRIS AND CARTLEDGE.

Those who imagine the main event between Jim Cartledge and Stoker Norman Morris will be a repetition of the events of their previous meeting, are unduly pessimistic. Morris is in splendid condition just now, and if I know anything of him, he will be all out to demonstrate for the benefit of Stoker Howard, that although he may be on the light side, he must not be treated lightly if a match between him and Howard is arranged.

This is the second time Morris has been to Hongkong, and as yet we have had no opportunity of judging his real capabilities. To-morrow may be a little different. I fancy it will.

sive public want, and they regretted that they must refuse the application.

Decisions regarding the personnel of the delegations from the various Departments of the Central Kuomintang who will leave for Hankow with the first party this week have been reached at departmental meetings held during the past few days, says the Canton Gazette. All departments except the Organization Department and secretariat have appointed those who will leave. The Organization Department meeting, which will select the men who will go with the first group is being held this afternoon.

From the Overseas Department Messrs. Peng Chi-min, Liu Yu-chu, Shih Chiao-hua and Hu Chen-sun will leave to organize the central department in Wuchang.

Messrs. Li Po-tung, Chen Chi-yung, Hu Chi-ya and Chang Yao will go from the Merchants Department. From the Youth Department Ting Li-feng, Pan Hwei-su, Li Tse-feng and Wang I-chin will form the advance corps.

A large group is leaving from the Military Department. The Publicity Section is sending Messrs. Chu Ya-lin, Liang Tung, Ngai Ting-hou, Ma Yuen-feng, Lo Pa-luen, Lo Shao-ka, Hou Chi-ming and Tseng Huan-kuan. The Organization Section delegation will consist of Messrs. Heu I-fel, Chang Jen-chin, Liu I-min, Chin Wei-chuen, and Tang Kit. The General Affairs Section will send a group of three, Liu Kuan-hai, Yang Shao-siu and Chi Hsueh-nin.

The Propaganda Department will send a delegation of five, including Messrs. Ku Meng-yu, Chen Chi-hsu and Lai Te-fan.

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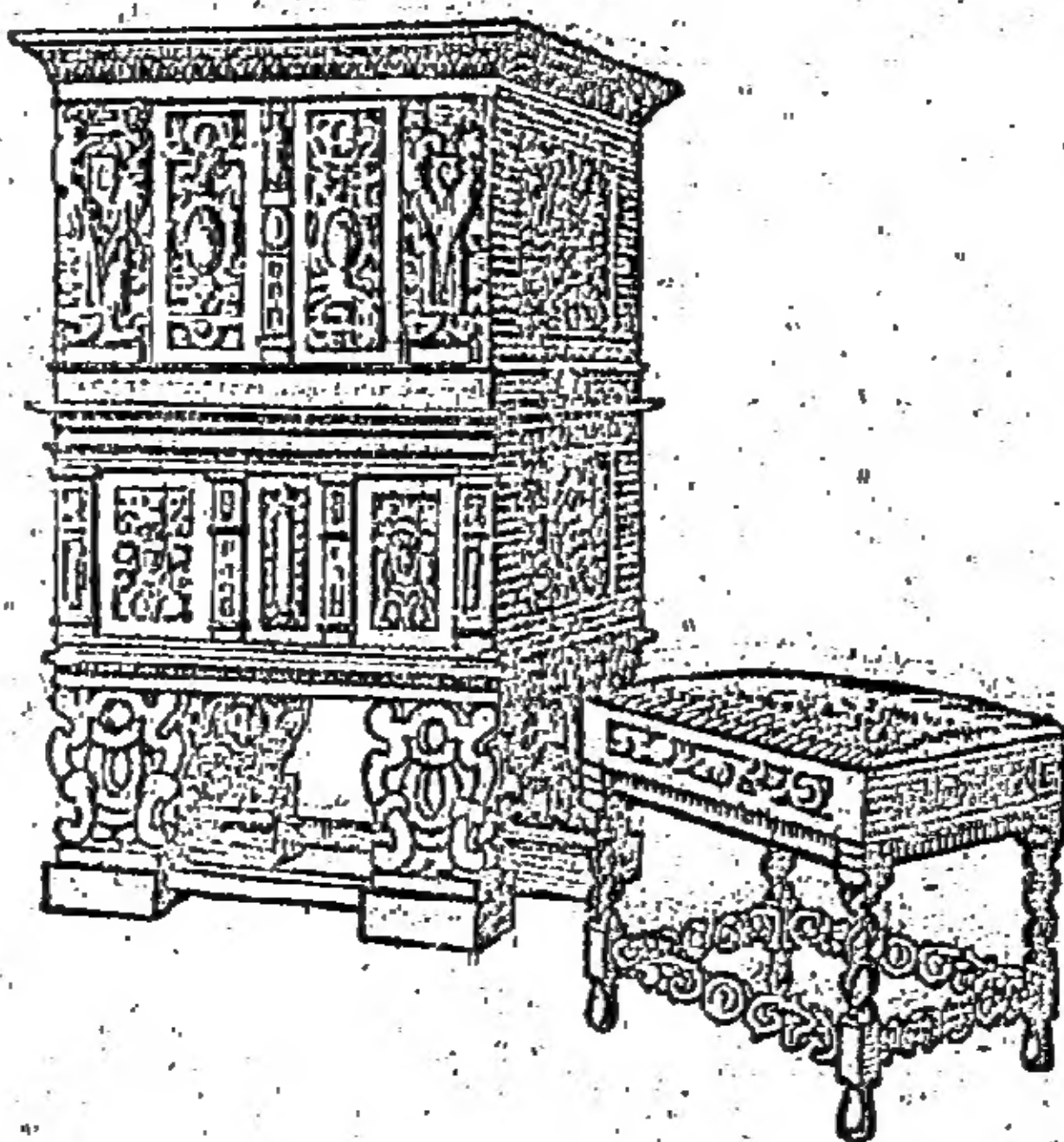
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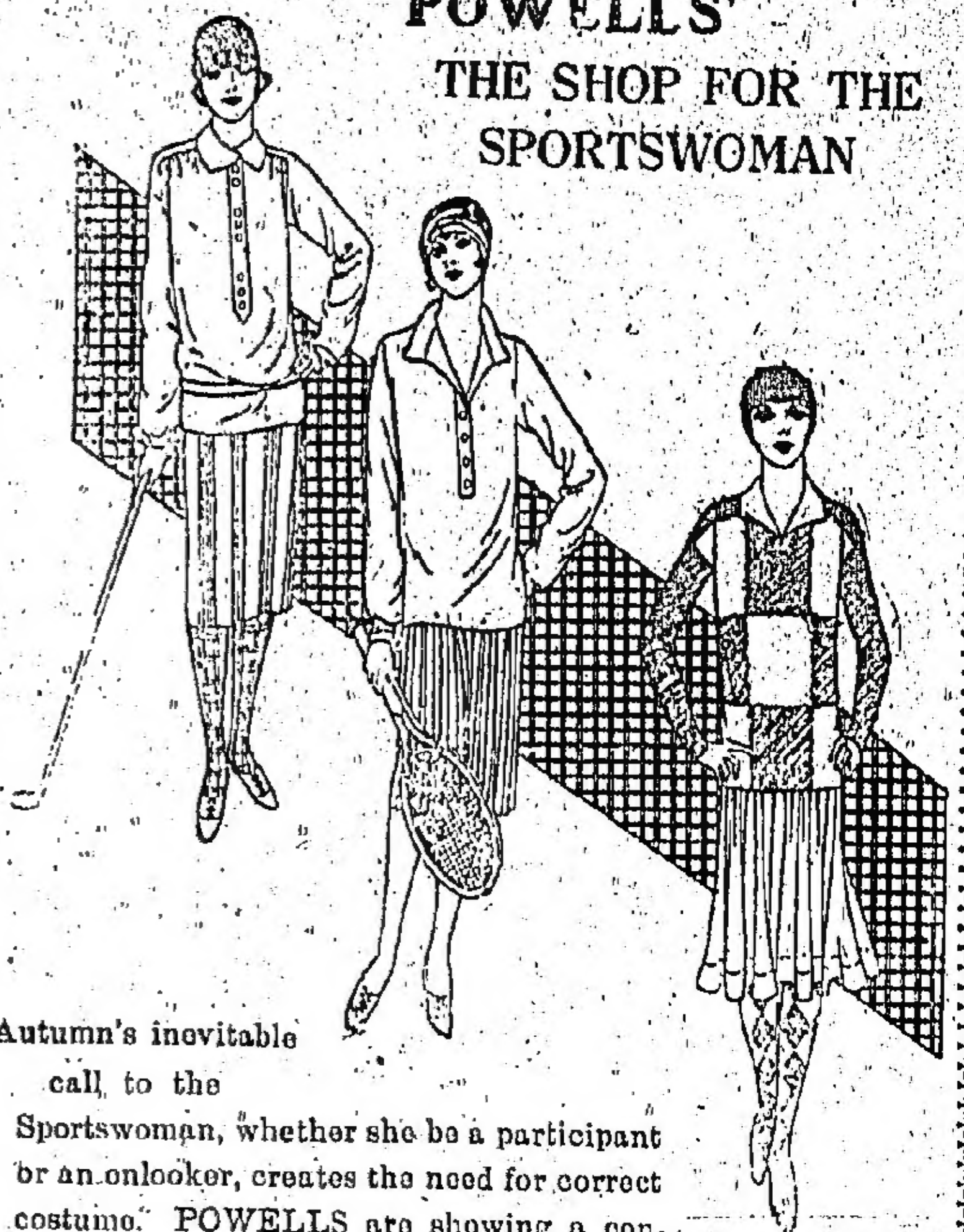
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MEN ARRESTED IN LOS ANGELES NOT SUSPECTS.

Los Angeles, Dec. 2. The Immigration authorities now state that the persons arrested were not suspected of plotting against the life of the ex-Maharaja of Indore. It has been discovered that they are Turks and not Indians.—*Reuter's American Service.*

(The three persons arrested were believed to be Hindus from the birthplace of the mother of the Mumtaz Begum, the dancing girl concerned in the attempted abduction of Malabar Hill, Bombay, last year).

A DARING DEED.

RUM RUNNER KIDNAPS PROHIBITION AGENTS.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 2. The assistant prohibition administrator of New Orleans and the chief motor mechanic of the Government patrol-boat, who were keeping watch aboard the French auxiliary rum runner while the patrol-boat was refuelling, have been kidnapped. A coastguard cutter is chasing the rum runner in an endeavour to rescue the kidnapped men.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A message from Salt Lake City says the Maharajah of Indore is staying there under the name of T. Raja. According to a member of the Travel Bureau, who is accompanying him, His Highness prefers to travel inognito in order to facilitate the study of local conditions.

CRICKET.

K. C. C. LOSE TO THE R. A.

The R. A. gained a fairly comfortable victory over a weak Kowloon C.C. side yesterday afternoon. Loyal and Capt. Morris made no less than 75 of the Kowloon total of 78, only two other men scoring. There were no less than seven "ducks." Two wickets fell without a run on the board. Loyal and Morris, with 39 and 36 respectively, took the total to 72 before being separated. With the score at 75, six wickets fell in less than twenty minutes without a single run being added—a miserable exhibition of batting. The innings closed for 78, the last wicket putting on three runs.

The Artillery started well and had no difficulty in passing the home team's total with only five men out. They eventually obtained 105 for the loss of nine wickets.

Kowloon C.C.				
J. C. Loyal, c Carmichael, b Roberts	39			
H. T. Buxton, c Glazebrook, b Gifford	0			
E. R. Morton, h.w. b Rule	0			
Capt. E. W. Morris, lbw Glazebrook	36			
Major L. J. Lightfoot, b Glazebrook	0			
A. R. F. Raven, c Routledge, b Roberts	0			
B. Williams, not out	2			
L. H. Ross, lbw Roberts	0			
F. J. Gill, st Fogden, b Glazebrook	0			
F. C. Pavitt, st Fogden, b Roberts	0			
A. H. Browne, run out	1			
Extras	0			
Total	78			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Rule	8	2	17	1
Gifford	3	2	20	1
Glazebrook	6.5	3	15	3
Roberts	6	1	26	4

FOOTBALL.

UNITED SERVICES COMPETITION.

The following are the results of the first round in the United Services competition:

Division I.

Hermes beat Titania 3-1; Submarines beat Carlisle 2-1, (after extra-time).

Division II.

Bluebell scratched to Vindictive; Small Units beat Titania 2-1; Submarines beat Carlisle 2-1; (replay) R. A. beat Ambrose 6-0.

SESQUI-CENTENNIAL.

CLOSES WITH LOSS OF \$20,000,000.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 2. The Sesqui-Centennial Exhibition has closed showing a loss of \$20,000,000 which the city must shoulder.—*Reuter's American Service.*

R. A.				
Lt. Chester, c and b Morris	19			
Gnr. Routledge, c Pavitt, b Loyal	14			
Lt. Hall, b Loyal	9			
Mr. Gnr. Fogden, not out	17			
Col. Edmondson, b Lightfoot	5			
Lt. Carmichael, c Ross, b Lightfoot	15			
L. Sgt. Bull, c Morton, b Lightfoot	0			
Bdr. Glazebrook, b Lightfoot	6			
Sgt. Jolly, c Raven, b Lightfoot	2			
Gnr. Roberts, run out	0			
Extras	18			
Total (for 9 wickets)	105			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Loyal	13	3	18	2
Morris	6	—	36	1
Lightfoot	8	—	30	5
Browne	1	—	3	—
Raven	5	—	1	—



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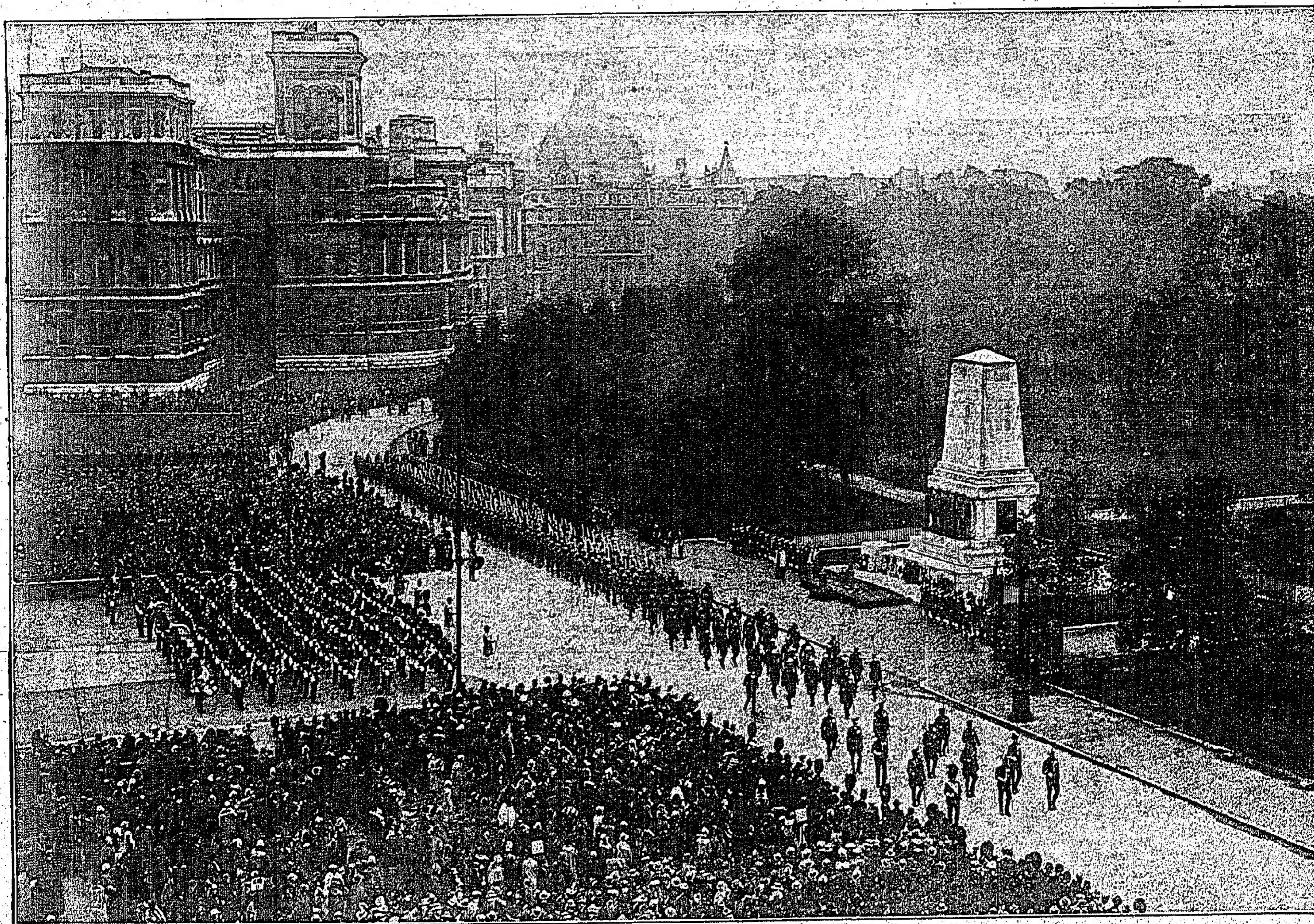
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 "DEUCALION" 20th Feb. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow

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EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
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**PROGRESS MAINTAINED
DESPITE CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Despite general unrest and military operations, in various parts of the country, the Chinese Post Office in its Report for last year just to hand, records that progress has been well maintained.

Military operations directly affected 14 out of the 24 postal districts, and the unsettled conditions largely resulting therefrom necessitated prolonged suspension of the parcel and money order services in various parts of the country, thereby causing considerable inconvenience to the public and noticeable loss of revenue to the service.

During the year, 344 postal establishments were looted; couriers were attacked while travelling with mails on 168 occasions, resulting in the wounding of over 60 of these faithful employees; 14 couriers were killed. No less than 247 mail robberies were recorded; the Kwangtung district alone reporting 117 cases of loss of mails.

Under the circumstances, it is encouraging to note that last year's progress has been maintained during 1926; it is also interesting to speculate regarding the results which more favourable conditions would have made possible, and which may confidently be expected when peace is restored and trade is no longer restricted by military operations and general unrest.

Kwangtung.

The year 1925 will long be remembered as one of the difficult years in the history of postal operations in this district. Communications were, however, maintained with all postal establishments in Kwangtung, though military operations and suspension of river and coastal steamship services placed obstacles in the way of trade and seriously restricted postal development.

Without desiring to touch upon the political dissensions which harassed Canton during the summer months, it should nevertheless be recorded—as an instance both of the difficulties experienced by the Post Office and the faithful services rendered by the staff—that work was carried on without interruption and mails received and despatched during the six days in June when the District Head Office was in the line of fire and many bullets found their way into the building.

In all, 117 cases of loss of mails occurred in the district during 1925; of these, 81 were due to banditry, piracy, or looting by defeated soldiers. One courier was killed while in the execution of his duties.

Notwithstanding the adverse conditions prevailing for the greater part of the year, the number of articles of ordinary, registered, and insured mail matter posted shows a slight increase when compared with the total for the previous year. A slight decrease in express articles, posted, and ordinary and registered mail matter for local delivery is, however, recorded. Two minor establishments in the Kiangchow section suspended operations, thus reducing the number in the district from 31 to 29.

Clubbed packages totalling 12,100, containing 645,000 letters and weighing 3,690 kilograms, were posted during 1925, against 11,300 packages, containing 637,000 letters and weighing 3,000 kilograms in 1924. The parcel service presents a great decrease owing to the insecure state of the district, occasional interprovincial suspensions, and irregular transport services. Only 182,100 ordinary parcels, 5,300 insured, and 60 C.O.D. parcels were posted.

Money Orders.

Money orders issued and cashed surpassed those of 1924 by 8218,733.20 and 3522,300.57, respectively. Circumstances did not permit of much development inland during the year under review. The total number of major establishments was increased by only ten. Agencies to this number having been converted from rural box offices. One second class office was reduced, and one agency raised, to the status of third class office, while three agencies were temporarily closed because the places where they are situated had been so frequently visited by robbers that the inhabitants found it necessary to take refuge elsewhere.

In regard to minor establishments, nine rural box offices were opened, including one converted from a rural station—four were closed, and ten raised in status to agencies, thus reducing the total number of minor establishments by five. One stamp-sales agency was opened and three were closed; one town box office was also closed, and one rural station was converted to a rural box office. The result of these changes represents a net decrease of nine establishments.

The curtailment of major courier lines was largely due to the recent establishment of a motor-bus service between Kiangchow and Kachek, a distance of 232 li, thus relieving the Post Office of the necessary of maintaining Couriers on this route. The length of minor courier lines was also reduced through the conversion of one line into a major courier service. Steamer and boat lines were shortened by 35 li, this being mainly due to the cancellation of the Chaoyang, Tung, Tungyupu line, which has been amalgamated in the Chaoyang, Tung, Kweisu line.

Financial Results.

The financial results for 1925 are as follows—Revenue for 1925, \$25,304,671.98.

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NELLORE	6,852	23rd Dec.	S'pore, Penang & Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	25th Dec.	M'les L'don A'warp & Hull
MIRZAPUR	6,718	3rd Jan.	M'les L'don A'warp & Rotterdam
NYANZA	7,023	6th Jan.	S'pore, Pang C'ho & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles & London
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DEVANHA	8,155	28th Jan.	S'pore, Pang C'ho & B'bay
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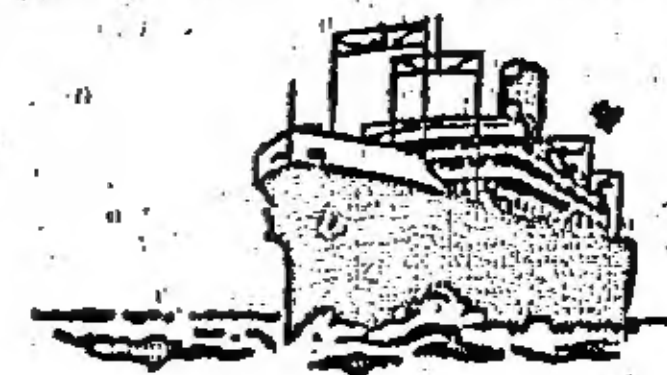
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COAL SETTLEMENT.

A FURTHER GENERAL RESUMPTION.

Rugby, Dec. 2.

The South Wales miners returned to the pits to-day, and the national stoppage has now definitely ended. Most of the Emergency Powers Regulations in force during the dispute will be revoked to-day.

All restrictions on shipment of hunker coal are now removed, and collieries wishing to export coal may apply to the Mines Department for a licence. Even this restriction will be removed in a few days if it is found that the price of coal is not being raised unfairly against home producers. It is anticipated that the reversion to normal coal production will cause great industrial activity, particularly in the allied industries, which are well supplied with orders. Reports from the centres of the steel industries state that foreign coal has been expensive and its power has proved to be only about half that of the British coal usually employed.

—British Wireless.

GERMAN CLAIMS.

G.\$300,000,000 PROPERTY ADJUSTMENT.

Washington, Dec. 2.

After a call at the White House Mr. Nicholas Longworth, the Speaker of the House of Representatives expressed the opinion that the long outstanding question of the return to former German owners of property now held by the Alien Property Custodian and the readjustment of American citizens' claims might be settled by Christmas.

The House of Representatives' ways and means Committee had agreed to a tentative plan but the State Department must carefully review this in order to prevent a conflict with the terms of the Dawes plan under which other nations were affected.

The Committee suggested that an immediate part payment on claims of American and German nationals and German shipowners for wireless stations and patents seized by the United States, with payments covering a period of six years to a decade. The Alien Property Custodian at present holds property valued at G.\$300,000,000.

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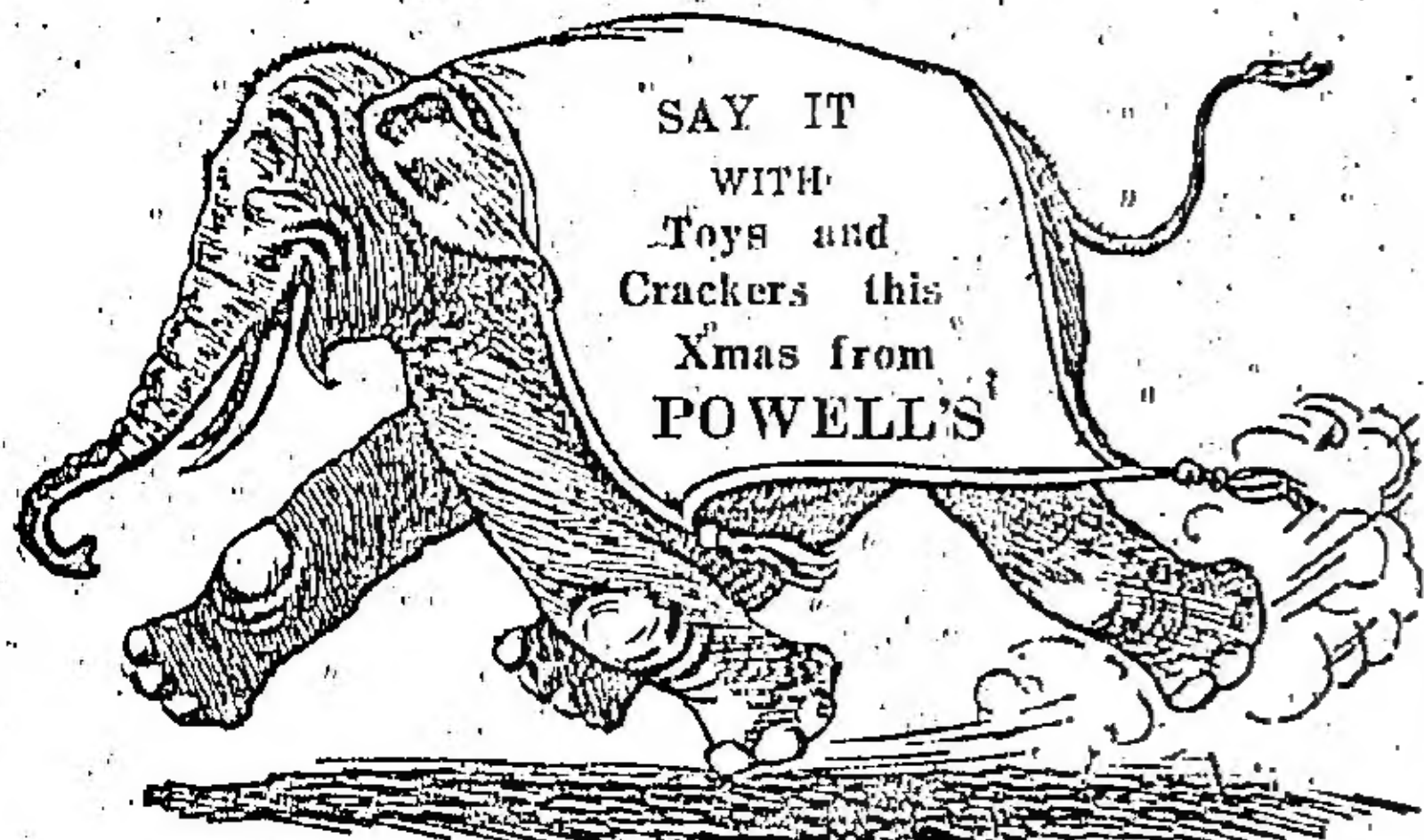
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IMPERIAL DEFENCE PROBLEMS.

(Continued From Page 1.)

Australian forces may be needed to co-operate. The organisation of the Royal Australian Navy was similar to that of the Royal Navy. Two Australian cruisers would probably visit England early in 1928 to turn over their crews to two new 10,000 ton cruisers, the Australia and the Canberra. The war establishments of the British army were accepted without modification as the war establishments of the Australian army.

METHODS OF TRAINING.

With regard to uniformity with British army methods of training, Mr. Bruce said that every officer of the permanent forces was sent abroad, either to England or India for a year or two years. He expressed appreciation of Sir Laming Worthington Evans' inducing the Army Council to accept one senior Australian permanent officer for six months during the 1927 training season, to command the 2nd Cavalry Brigade. The Indian Government, in an effort to secure co-ordination of training methods, had requested the loan of an Australian permanent staff officer for three years as an instructor in the Staff College. A system of exchange of staff officers with England and India was regularly maintained.

AUSTRALIA AND AVIATION.

Mr. Bruce testified that the War Office and the Commander-in-Chief in India had always received Australian suggestions with the best of goodwill. Two Australian officers were at present engaged in a flight, including the west coast of Australia, New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Fiji, and Samoa with the object of surveying bases for war as well as commercial aviation purposes and to test the suitability of seaplanes for operation in those waters. He thought this showed that Australia would be quite sympathetic to the suggestion which had been submitted of the possibility of sending an Australian squadron to Singapore in the event of the contemplated flight thither. New South Wales was about to build a floating dock, capable of docking a 10,000 ton cruiser. The Commonwealth Government was contributing a subsidy on the basis that the dock may be requisitioned at any time and towed for service to any part of Australia.

SUPPLY OF MUNITIONS.

Arrangements were being made for the provision of oil tanks at Darwin and the Commonwealth Government had placed an order with the War Office for the early delivery in 1927 of £1,000,000 worth of material according to British army patterns. Australia was looking forward to becoming fully self-supporting in the near future as regards the provision of equipment and munitions. In describing the extent of the factories already established or in course of erection, Mr. Bruce said that the guiding principle was to try to ensure—if the necessity arose—the organisation and complete co-operation of the whole manufacturing industrial plant in the country. A series of factories was gradually being built up for things not manufactured commercially. The whole service of air units would be re-equipped with most modern types in the course of the next three years. Landing grounds were being established on strategical air routes besides those for civil aviation.

NAVAL DEFENCE SUPREMACY.

Mr. Bruce urged that the question of naval defence was not only of primary interest to Australasia but to every Dominion, because if the overseas sea-borne trade was interfered with, certainly the whole national life would be destroyed. The whole Empire was concerned in this problem and ought to play a reasonable part according to population and resources. Britain had a much greater responsibility than anybody. She had a so much greater volume of trade that in any circumstances she would have to bear the greater proportion and a considerably larger per capita contribution towards naval expenditure. But the Australian view was that we were all equally concerned with naval defence, particularly the protection of Empire trade routes and that something should be done to try to ensure that the burden was a little more equally divided. Mr. Bruce put in statistics, showing the expenditure on defence in Britain and

each of the dominions in 1924-5 and 1925-6, which showed that in the latter year, Britain's per capita total was 613 pence, Canada's 70 pence, New Zealand's 155 pence, South Africa 80 pence and Australia 325 pence. He suggested that securing a position of equality of status in the Empire by the Dominions carried with it some responsibility to share in the common burden of defence.

AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE.

Mr. Bruce referred to Singapore, saying the question was of primary importance to Australia. It was of the very greatest importance to every part of the Empire that the wide routes of the world were ensured in the event of an outbreak of hostilities, so that our trade was not dislocated. Australia was still quite satisfied that it was essential there should be a base in the East where the British Navy could be quartered in the event of trouble arising in the Pacific, both protecting the Empire territories and ensuring the trade routes. Australia's final decision was that Singapore should be the place.

Mr. Bruce recalled how the Australian defence programme over five years was arrived at after an earlier reversal of the British policy to proceed with the Singapore Base, and it was very gravely doubtful whether, in view of the financial limit to which Australia had gone with regard to its programme, that it should do anything further now. He was only able to say therefore that Australia believed the Singapore scheme to be absolutely essential and, while he could not for a second suggest that Australia would contribute to its construction in view of its remaining commitments, he promised that the position would be discussed by the Commonwealth Parliament after his return, and it would be for Parliament to come to the decision it thought fit. He concluded by emphasising that Australia still subscribed to the principle that every effort should be made to bring about the limitation of armaments.

NEW ZEALAND'S VIEWS.

Mr. J. G. Coates (New Zealand) expressed himself as impressed with the service demonstration. He was disposed to think that the army demonstrated a number of vehicles and machines which would be of practical use not only militarily but civilly and commercially particularly in overseas countries in connection with pioneering work. He was of opinion that the taxpayer was getting a most valuable asset in the army's work apart from defence. He agreed with Mr. Bruce that it was most hard for the separate parts of the Empire, especially in the case of dispute which affected one or two portions, to be asked if the burden of the construction of the necessary ships could not be borne in greater proportion by the Dominions which did not consider themselves so vitally concerned in Singapore. It seemed important that offers of assistance from the Dominions and India should be made soon. It was at present not practical policies for New Zealand to build cruisers, but it intended to continue the policy of developing its own division of the Royal Navy and to maintain modern and suitable cruisers. The question of New Zealand making a definite annual contribution as regards Singapore would be submitted to his parliament at an early date. He considered that the New Zealand Government would be prepared to increase their share of the burden Britain had to bear to enable the sea supremacy of any particular quarter to become more efficient. Details were now being discussed with the Admiralty. As regards military policy, New Zealand intended to continue the full agreement with the Defence Committee's proposals as regards homogeneity of organisation, material and use of training establishments in Britain, India and any Dominion with which it could co-operate. New Zealand was anxious to continue air development on co-operative lines with Britain and possibly Australia. He pointed out that New Zealand's geographical position entered into the consideration.

SOUTH AFRICA'S POSITION.

Mr. Havenga (South Africa) detailed the South African military system of defence and said he approved of coast defences being maintained at Table Bay and Simons Bay. The question of making Durban an adequately defended port was under considera-

tion. Regarding general organisation, before the war South Africa aimed at keeping a military organisation as far as her resources would permit in harmony with the British Government's policy, but no citizen can legally be compelled to render personal war service outside South Africa, and therefore the extent of South Africa's immediate or ultimate participation would depend on South Africa's national interest in the war being so great that when an emergency should arise, the special amending legislation would be acceptable to the country, or when popular interest was great enough to ensure numerous volunteers. He was confident that if the circumstances were such that the Union desired to participate in the war public opinion would be such that no difficulty would be experienced in obtaining an Infantry Brigade for external service, and a further effort would be forthcoming if the situation developed.

FREEDOM OF DECISION RETAINED.

On the understanding that nothing was done to prejudice the freedom of the Union's decision, the South African military advisers were instructed to discuss necessary details of organisation with the War Office and Air Ministry. "While it may be contended that our present expenditure on naval and coast defence works is inadequate considering the geographical position of the protection we enjoy, the responsibilities we have already assumed must be borne in mind together with the fact that these will probably involve heavy capital expenditure in the near future."

AIR AND LAND FORCES.

He was of opinion that in the present stage of their development, the policy best serving the Union as well as the British Commonwealth is that while discharging the present coast defence responsibilities to devote all available financial resources to the training and development of air and land forces. It was with these that South Africa was able most effectively to assist in case of a war in which the Union was participating.

Mr. Havenga stressed the attention devoted to the Air Force, which was organised and trained on the lines of the Royal Air Force to ensure easy co-operation with the other forces of the Empire. He suggested that the Committee of Imperial Defence review the South Africa coastal defences and consider whether aircraft could be more efficiently and more economically employed on the assumption that it would soon be necessary to re-arm or increase some of the coastal defences, and, in view of the probable nature and scale of any attack against South Africa, also to consider cognate matters. Mr. Baldwin accepted the suggestion.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S HELP.

Mr. Monroe (Newfoundland) said men, especially seagoing, were the only considerable direct contribution which Newfoundland would financially be able to offer.

The Maharajah of Burdwan said India subscribed to the general wish for disarmament, but must not fail adequately to provide her own local defence. The burdens thereunder unfortunately rendered it impossible that she should contribute to the Singapore bases. India had accepted the necessity of maintaining uniformity in training methods and equipment throughout the Empire, as far as practicable.—Reuter.



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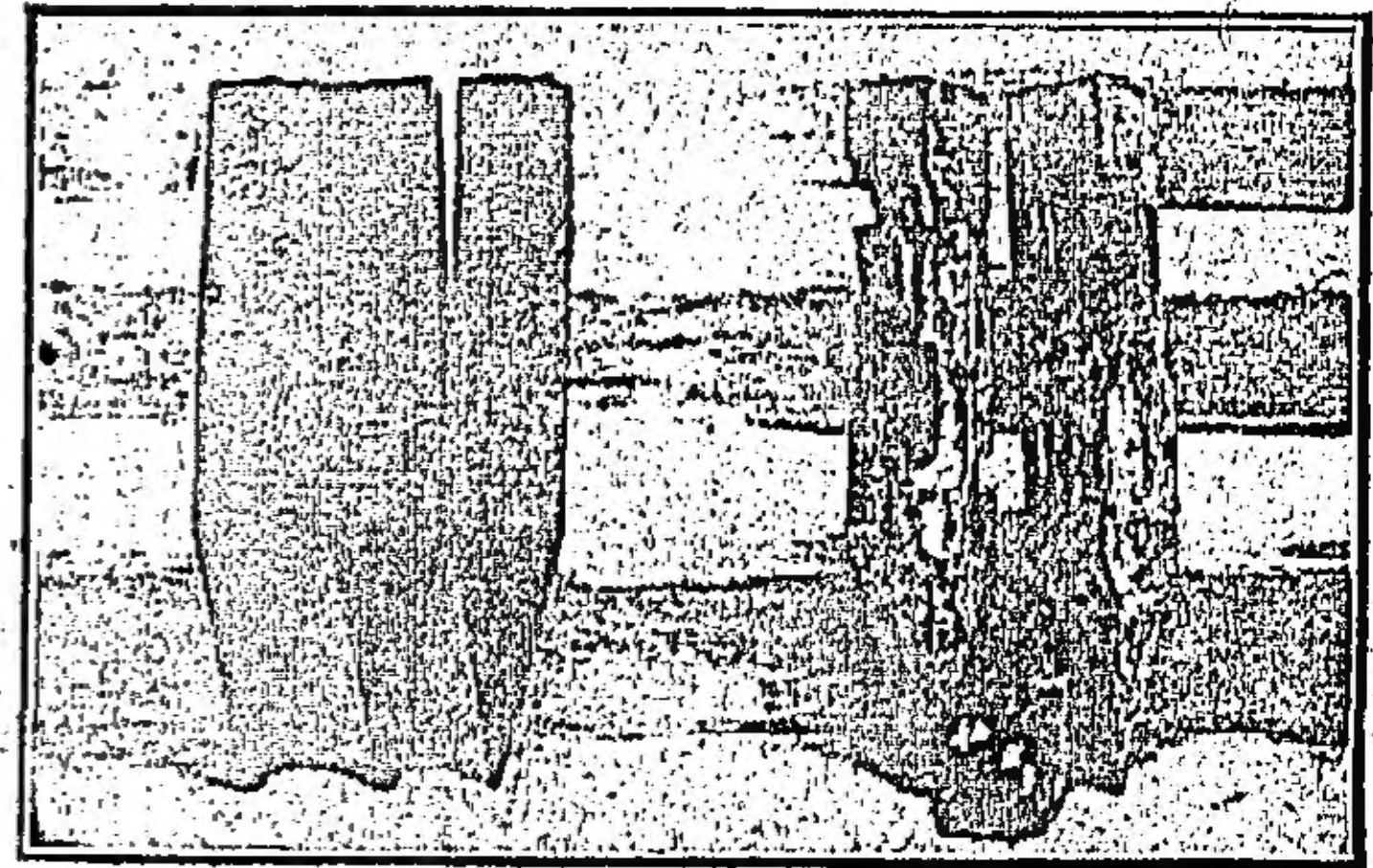
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Eng Siew, the Chinese girl of about 14 years of age who is alleged to have been seen to throw a little Chinese boy into the Klang River, just opposite the building of Messrs. John Little and Co., Ltd., Kuala Lumpur, on the 6th inst. and who was in police custody, has been sent to Tanjong Rambutan, to be kept under medical observation. The case against her was mentioned in the Kuala Lumpur Police Court on Saturday, before the Second Magistrate, Raja Uda, and postponed sine die.—Malay Mail.

A trio of Japanese gentlemen, Mr. Y. Mita—a well-known mountain climber—Mr. Ugai of the N.Y.K. office, Singapore, and Mr. K. Tajiri, the representative in Malacca of Messrs. Senda and Company, climbed Mount Ophir (4187 feet) on the 13th inst. The party spent the night on the top of Mount Ophir, and descended the following morning, thoroughly enjoying their adventure. The lowest temperature registered on top of the Mount was 85 degrees, and when they reached the bottom, about noon, 86 degrees was registered.—Malacca Observer.